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Rescuers dig with bare hands

Five miners trapped in pit collapse

BY PAUL WILKINSON AND RICHARD DUCE

■ An investigation into how the roof of a mine collapsed was announced after Arthur Scargill said he had forecast that tunnel supports would give way

FIVE miners were last night trapped 2,000 feet underground as rescue workers dug with their bare hands through tons of fallen rock to get oxygen to them. A sixth man who crawled to safety after the pit roof collapsed was in hospital with back injuries.

The 100-strong rescue team had made contact with one of the men, but had not been able to establish the condition of the miners or the full extent of the accident at Bilsthorpe colliery in north Nottinghamshire. Nor was it known whether the men had been caught under the fall or on the far side of it.

A British Coal executive said that if they were beyond the fall, they could be in a cavity with a limited air supply: there was compressed air in that area, although the rock could have damaged the rubber pipe connecting the supply.

The rescuers — including men who had been working on the same shift as the trapped miners — were taking turns to tackle the rubble and shore up the roof to prevent further rockfalls. Cramped conditions meant there was room for only one man at the rock face and each was working for 20 minutes at a time.

After five hours of digging, the team had moved only about 40 ft of the 150 ft rockfall, and the trapped miners may not be reached until today.

The men had been working in a roadway 8 ft high by 17 ft wide to establish a new coalface in the Parkgate seam almost four miles from the main pit shaft when the roof collapsed shortly after 11 am. Two of them telephoned the surface, saying the air around them was thick with dust and that they could see nothing, but the line went down before they could pass on further details about their situation or their colleagues. Contact was later re-established with at least one of them.

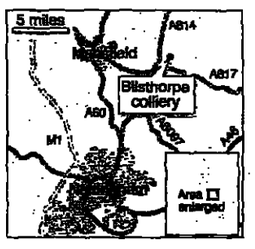
Yesterday evening John Longden, the British Coal group director at Bilsthorpe, said: "Such a fall is never a complete blockage. There is a lot of equipment down there which could bridge the rockfall. There is no indication of the level of injuries, if any, of the men.

"We believe there will be some air flow, but rescuers are still trying to get an air supply down to the trapped men. At any one time only one man can reach the head of the fall and they are digging mainly by hand.

"I would think the men are probably separated rather than trapped in the same spot. It's mainly Bilsthorpe men who are manning the operation with the help of British Coal's rescue team from Mansfield. The Bilsthorpe men obviously know the trapped men.

"We have managed to get through 15 metres of the rock fall so far but it is desperately slow and the rescuers have got to be extremely careful.

"It is an extremely serious accident. We had to go exceedingly carefully and shore



everything up as we go along. We know it is about 180 ft to the end of the roadway, but we do not know how far along that the rockfall extends. The men could be anywhere along that."

Specialist rescue teams had been called in from all over the Nottinghamshire coalfield, and a doctor, nurse and paramedic went down the mine shaft while ambulances stood by at the pithead. Paul Smith, 22, who escaped the worst of the roof-fall, was lifted by stretcher to the surface and taken to King's Mill Hospital in Sutton-in-Ashfield, for treatment for a back injury and shock. His condition was not thought to be serious.

Mr Smith, a single man from Bilsthorpe village, was on the "fresh-air" side of the roof collapse. He told rescuers that he had been caught by the edge of the rockfall, which knocked him to the ground. He was able to crawl clear and then walk towards the shaft bottom where he met rescue teams coming towards him.

The cause of the cave-in has still to be established, but the expected enquiry may focus on the method of bolting used to support the roof which was criticised last night by Arthur Scargill, president of the National Union of Mineworkers.

Mick Stevens, the Union of Democratic Mineworkers' general secretary and agent for the colliery, said the roof was held up by bolts which were regarded as the safest means of support. There had been no roof falls and there was no sign of movement. "It's been a success and we're totally baffled," he said. "It's a total mystery to everyone as to what happened. I am very concerned about what has happened and I feel for the families. We are just praying there are no fatalities."

However, Mr Scargill said: "I am totally against roof bolting. It should never be used as a primary support only a supplementary support. I forecast it would cause an accident. I've been warning for 20 years against this. I've argued with my colleagues but I was personally involved with an incident involving roof bolts at Woolley colliery 20 years ago."

Bilsthorpe was opened in 1925 and now employs 630 men. It was one of the 31 pits Michael Heseltine listed for closure last October, but was granted a temporary reprieve to find new markets. Most of its output supplies power stations in the Trent Valley region of the Midlands.

Since the closure announcement, miners at Bilsthorpe — mostly UDM members — fought to show it had a future, smashing production records in an effort to save their jobs. In February they produced a record 60,000 tonnes in one week, 3,000 more than the previous record set a year ago.

At the end of June, Bilsthorpe was the 18th in British Coal's safety league table of pits with a rate of 11.95 accidents for every 100,000 man shifts worked.

Victory smile: Rebecca Teacher after a jury had cleared her of blackmailing her father, a cult leader, for £60,000 over allegations that he abused children

Stock market soars as foreign buyers place bets on Britain

BY JANET BUSH, MICHAEL CLARKE AND SHEILA GUNN

ENTHUSIASM for British stocks and shares continued unabated yesterday as foreign buyers placed their bets on a sustained, low inflation recovery but the view at home of Britain's economic prospects remained cautious.

Kenneth Clarke, the Chancellor, is under persistent pressure to cut interest rates and faced new calls to avoid raising taxes in the budget which might jeopardise what many in Britain still feel is a fragile recovery.

Investors, particularly from abroad, gave the recovery a huge vote of confidence yesterday, pushing the FT-SE 100 index to a new record high of 3,073.6, up 48.6 on the day and adding more than £9 billion to the value of Britain's publicly quoted companies. It was the biggest one-day gain for almost seven months. Sterling, too, recovered from its recent doldrums on the foreign exchanges, gaining about two pfennigs against the German mark and nearly two cents against the dollar.

Despite such optimism in the financial markets, the influential National Institute of Economic and Social Research said yesterday that the pressure was on Britain to cut interest rates. More significantly still, it said that the need to raise taxes to stabilise the government's debt "has been greatly exaggerated" and urged the government to use the new flexibility of policy in Europe since the effective suspension of the Exchange Rate Mechanism to boost demand through lower interest rates.

The institute said: "The risk is now that the pound will be too high to preserve competitiveness rather than too low to hold back inflation. The case for a policy switch has strengthened as a result." Andrew Britton, the institute's director of policy and one of the government's Seven Wise Men, said that taxes should only be raised in the autumn if interest rates are cut again.

Mr Clarke will be urged by leading Conservative right-wingers today to rule out tax increases in his November Budget because of the fragility of the recovery. Conservative Way Forward, which has Baroness Thatcher as president and Lord Parkinson as chairman, will push strongly for Mr Clarke to cut public spending rather than raise direct or indirect tax.

Hugh Clarke, trading policy director at the British Retail Consortium, said that, while the High Street was seeing a sustained recovery, the government must do nothing to jeopardise fragile consumer confidence. He said: "We certainly haven't reached the stage where the government can start giving us nasty medicine."

Yesterday's economic news left the government's scope to cut interest rates open but at the same time suggested no urgency on economic grounds. The Central Statistical Office reported that inflation had risen by only a very small amount in July and that retail sales fell back, but only because June's sales had been exceptionally high because of early summer sales.

The headline rate of inflation crept up to 1.4 per cent last month from 1.2 per cent in June and the underlying rate edged up to 2.9 per cent from 2.8 per cent, both very modest rises. Retail sales fell back by 0.2 per cent between June and July although High Street sales were still 4.4 per cent up on July last year.

The government's official line yesterday was that interest rates will be unchanged.

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Muslim school refused funding

JAMES LANDALE AND BEN PRESTON

AN APPLICATION by a London primary to become the first state funded Muslim school was rejected by the government last night. Baroness Blatch, the education minister, announced the decision after an hour-long meeting with governors of Islamia school, Brent.

Muslim groups condemned the decision as unfair. They highlighted the position of Christian and Jewish groups, which have more than 4,000 voluntary-aided schools each receiving funds to cover running costs and 85 per cent of capital spending.

Yusef Islam, the former entertainer Cat Stevens and Islamia's founder, said: "We have seen it all before. We are now in danger of closing because of the lack of funds."

Sir Rhodes Boyson, the Conservative MP for Brent North and a former education minister, said the decision threatened to damage community relations. "It is totally unjust that there is not a single voluntary-aided Muslim school in a country where the community numbers more than one million."

The application was rejected because there were more than 1,500 surplus places at local authority primaries within a two-mile radius of Islamia.

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UN told to keep brigadier quiet

BY JAMES BONE AND EVE-ANN PRENTICE

UNITED Nations officials in New York moved quickly yesterday to muzzle Brigadier Vere Hayes, Britain's outspoken chief of staff of the UN Protection Force (Unprofor) in Bosnia, after he criticised President Clinton's threat to use air strikes against the Bosnian Serbs.

Diplomatic sources said that, in response to protests by the United States, UN headquarters had sent a "very stiff cable" to General Jean Cot, the French commander of all UN forces in the former Yugoslavia, asking him to stop unauthorised remarks by his senior officers.

Washington was outraged when Brigadier Hayes questioned Mr Clinton's policy despite it being ostensibly endorsed by Nato. "What does President Clinton think he is up to?" the brigadier had asked, adding: "Air power won't defeat the Serbs."

Washington also complained about a statement by Lieutenant General Francis Briquemont, the Belgian head of the UN force in Bosnia, in which he distanced the UN from the threat of air strikes, saying: "It was a Nato warning, so it's a problem for Nato, but Nato is not the UN."

Britain and Belgium yesterday trod a diplomatic tightrope over the question. Britain dissociated itself from Brigadier Hayes's remarks, claiming that comments to the press by members of Unprofor were a matter for the UN. A spokesman added, however, that the government had "every confidence in the brigadier's capacity to carry out his duties for the UN".

Belgium took a similar line over General Briquemont, saying that "any comment must come from the UN". A Belgian foreign ministry spokesman added: "Belgium continues to support General Briquemont. We are in general completely behind him."

Madeleine Albright, the US ambassador to the UN, was barely able to conceal her rage when she denounced the officers' comments as "unconscionable" after a security council meeting on Tuesday night. According to a copy of her speaking notes obtained by *The Times*, she told UN officials that America did not understand why General Briquemont and Brigadier Hayes "seem intent on denigrating the possible effectiveness of air strikes".

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Colleges may reject A-level successes

BY JOHN O'LEARY AND BEN PRESTON

UNIVERSITIES today face the prospect of rejecting thousands of well-qualified applicants, as record A-level pass rates present them with their "worst-case scenario" of an unprecedented squeeze on the most popular degree courses.

Ministers came under pressure yesterday to relax restrictions on recruitment to arts and social science courses, as admissions tutors warned that they could not cope with the demand for places. Opposition spokesmen accused the government of dashing the hopes it had raised among young people.

Results to be posted in schools and colleges this morning show more students than ever taking A-levels, and a record four out of every five papers being passed. Performance has improved in almost every subject, and there is a 1.6 per cent rise in the numbers achieving the top three grades, which are the passport to a place in the arts and social sciences.

There was also a rise in the number of students awarded BTEC National Diplomas, a vocational alternative to A-levels. The numbers passing the two-year course this year is up by a quarter and are expected to top 63,000 when all the results are in.

The arts and social sciences have been mainly responsible for the rapid expansion of higher education over the last decade. Applications are up again this year, but universities and colleges have been told not to exceed their entry quotas for 1992-93.

With more than 400,000 applicants, the restrictions were always expected to cause difficulties for admissions tutors. Many had made their offers before the quotas were applied, and will now have more

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School decision leaves Muslims in turmoil

■ The decision to reject a Muslim school's application for voluntary-aided status could lead to a campaign of civil disobedience

BY BEN PRESTON, EDUCATION REPORTER

THE ten-year struggle of a tiny north London primary to become the first Islamic school to win state funding was a symbol for Britain's one million-strong Muslim community.

The school was regarded as a litmus test of their civil rights and government promises to allow parental choice and diversity in education.

The decision by Baroness Blatch, the education minister, to reject an application for voluntary-aided status for Islamia school, in Brent, leaves the community in turmoil and the school's future in doubt.

The refusal of its bid for equal financial footing with 2,000 Church of England, 2,100 Roman Catholic, four Methodist and 21 Jewish voluntary-aided schools is a crushing blow to its founder Yusef Islam, the former singer and song writer Cat Stevens. Much of the £2.5 million spent upgrading the school's facilities to match government standards came from his personal fortune.

The decision means the 180-pupil primary will not receive funding from central and local government to cover its £540,000 annual running costs and up to 85 per cent of capital spending. Last year the school was forced to scrap a reception class because of growing financial difficulties.

Ministers have long recognised the sensitivity of their decision. The self-styled Muslim parliament has previously warned a campaign of civil disobedience might follow rejection.

Conservative backbenchers worried that if one Muslim school received state funding, the floodgates might open for separate schools, widening community divisions.

The government thought it had side-stepped the issue successfully when John MacGregor rejected a previous application in May 1990 on the grounds that there were about 4,000 empty places in neighbouring Brent primary schools.

But a High Court judge ordered John Patten, the education secretary, to reconsider after ruling last May that the education department had acted with "manifest unfairness". Mr Justice Macpherson described Islamia as a "splendid and remarkable school".

Muslim parents undoubtedly agree. Islamia's waiting list is 1,000 names long and rising, despite annual fees of £1,100. Competition for places is such that children are listed at birth. The school dismisses the surplus places argument as irrelevant because 60 per cent of its pupils come from outside Brent, some travelling up to 50 miles each day to attend.

The school has endeavoured to meet the requirements for voluntary-aided status. Its teachers are fully qualified and are sent regularly on training courses at the school's expense. Inspectors are frequently invited to monitor standards and their advice is followed.

Islamia tries to follow the national curriculum — with a strong emphasis on the basics of mathematics and English, each taught for six hours a week — supplemented by about five hours spent on Arabic, Islamic studies and the *Koran*. But, in the end, it appears the Treasury may have held sway and forced rejection in an attempt to curb public spending.

It leaves Mr Patten in an exposed position. He sends his daughter to a Roman Catholic voluntary-aided school and offered fulsome praise to Islamia after a visit in June. Few of the 20 other Muslim schools are in a position to follow Islamia's example in the short-term, lacking the financial support provided by Yusef Islam.

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TONY PRIME



Fact-finder: John Patten, with Yusef Islam on his left, on a visit to Islamia last June, which left him deeply impressed with the primary school

Gummer in Norway's sights again

NORWAY'S prime minister, Gro Harlem Brundtland, yesterday added to criticism of John Gummer, Britain's environment minister, but said the minister who called him a "shitbag" had gone too far.

Thorbjoern Berntsen, Norway's environment minister, called Mr Gummer "the biggest shitbag I have met" at a rally on Monday when he criticised Britain for emitting poisonous gases that fall as acid rain in Norway.

Ms Brundtland said: "I believe the background for the reaction is easy to understand, knowing what I do about the conversations between Gummer and Berntsen. To dismiss and ridicule the problems of acid rain is not acceptable." Mr Berntsen discussed the issue with Mr Gummer in New York earlier this year.

She said Mr Berntsen had used the wrong words, and had admitted he went too far. "I don't need to call anyone a *drittsekk* [shitbag], but the British minister was *frekk* [impudent], *ufyselig* [disgusting] and arrogant," he was quoted as saying.

Norway has complained for years about British pollution, which winds sweep across the North Sea. The Norwegian Society for the Conservation of Nature also backed Mr Berntsen. "The expression 'shitbag' should refer to the country as a whole," it said.

Husband killer's appeal refused

BY RICHARD FORD, HOME CORRESPONDENT

SARA Thornton, the woman jailed for life for murdering her alcoholic husband, had her request for a fresh appeal turned down by the home secretary yesterday.

Michael Howard also rejected her plea for a free pardon or remission of her sentence imposed in 1990 for stabbing her second husband with a kitchen knife. The home secretary's decision stunned her supporters.

Thornton said from Bullwood Hall open prison in Essex: "I will continue to fight. I recognise this is a political decision and one that has nothing to do with justice". Her supporters said she was angry and disappointed. Julie Bindel of the Justice for Women group, which has been campaigning on her behalf, said the announcement was a cowardly decision taken when Parliament was not sitting.



Thornton: psychiatric evidence was cited

Thornton, now 37, was jailed three years ago for stabbing her husband Malcolm as he lay on a sofa recovering from a drinking bout at their home in Atherstone, Warwickshire. At the trial she pleaded not guilty to murder on the grounds of diminished responsibility.

Eighteen months later her appeal on the grounds of provocation was turned down. She claimed she had been subjected to violent attacks and her husband had threatened her and her daughter.

Home Office officials studied fresh evidence indicating that at the time of the killing she was suffering from a personality disorder.

Mr Howard said that on the basis of currently available information he would not be justified in referring the case to the Court of Appeal or recommending the exercise of the royal prerogative of mercy.

The current review centred on a further psychiatric assessment of Thornton, who had been seen by three psychiatrists before her trial, he said. Her representations raised the defences of provocation and diminished responsibility, both of which had been before the trial and appeal.

Women's groups backed arguments that Mr Thornton's drunken and violent behaviour during the ten-month marriage had provoked the killing, but Mr Thornton's first wife challenged her claims that he was violent. Sara Thornton's supporters want to widen the defence of provocation so that juries can take into account the history of a marriage.

Colleges to turn away thousands of students

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qualified candidates than their universities can afford.

Baroness Blatch, the education minister, described the results as a continuing success story. "I am pleased to see that more young people are taking GCE A-levels, with over 80 per cent of entries securing passes and almost half the candidates getting good grades. These results are a credit to students and their teachers."

But Ted Nield, the vice-chancellors' spokesman, said that the high pass rate would cause additional difficulties for universities. "This is our worst-case scenario, where we have to limit places, but students have done better than expected. The only ray of hope for people who miss their grades is that universities might take more on the arts side if they cannot fill their science places."

The numbers taking A-levels in science subjects have dropped again, increasing the likelihood of vacancies on the government's priority courses.

Mike Scott, deputy chief executive of the Polytechnics and Colleges Admissions Service, said that the prospects for entry to arts and social science courses were the worst for many years. He said: "People who narrowly miss their required grades and those who get the required points but in the wrong subjects face a rough ride. I am confident universities will honour agreements with students who match their offers exactly. But those who miss them narrowly are in for a tough time."

Win Griffiths, the Labour education spokesman, accused the government of acting irresponsibly in raising expectations. "People have been encouraged into higher education by a government which then chokes off opportunities."

Don Foster, the Liberal Democrat education spokesman, said: "The anarchy of the free market has been compounded by government incompetence of the worst kind. Ministers' stop-go policy for university expansion means bitter-sweet news for pupils and teachers celebrating the significant improvement in the A-level pass rate."

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War crimes dossier sent to Lord Advocate

BY RICHARD FORD
HOME CORRESPONDENT

THE Lord Advocate in Scotland is considering whether to prosecute an alleged war criminal after a lengthy police enquiry that has cost £600,000 and involved officers travelling the world.

A dossier, including the case of Anton Gecas, 77, a retired mining engineer living in Edinburgh, has been sent by the war crimes unit of Scotland's Crown Office to Lord Rodger of Earlsferry, who must decide whether it is in the public interest to prosecute or if there is sufficient evidence for there to be a more than 50 per cent likelihood of conviction. The Labour MP Greville Janner named Mr Gecas under parliamentary privilege as a man on the list of suspects in Britain supplied to the Home Office by the Nazi-hunting Simon Wiesenthal Centre.

Yesterday Sir Edward Heath, the former prime minister, condemned the pursuit of alleged Nazi war criminals in Britain. He said: "The Holocaust will never be allowed to be forgotten. That doesn't mean that individuals should be tried under legislation which is unjustifiable".

A Scotland Yard war crimes unit has reviewed 343 allegations of suspected war crimes but only 67 cases are currently under review. Time is running out for prosecutions to be brought under the 1991 War Crimes Act because of the age of the suspects. Only a handful of cases are expected to come to court but two cases are believed to be particularly strong.

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Heath: against war crimes legislation

NEWS IN BRIEF

Bomb wrecks buildings

Dozens of buildings were damaged by an IRA bomb in the centre of Belfast yesterday. Three women were treated for shock in the 3.30am blast outside a chip shop on the Dublin Road. With only a five-minute warning, two police officers rushed past the car containing the bomb to make sure the women were ushered out of the shop.

Soldier shot himself

A soldier stationed in Bosnia shot himself in the head during an act of drunken bravado, an inquest heard. After hearing how Lance-Corporal John Rockle of the Royal Irish Rangers, based in Vitez, shot himself, David Masters, the Wiltshire coroner, expressed concern at the ready availability of alcohol within troop camps. Verdict: misadventure.

Austen home sold

Jane Austen's family home has been bought by an American foundation which plans to restore it for use as a centre for the study of women novelists. Chawton House and 275 acres of farmland, believed to be the model for Donwell Abbey in *Emma*, were sold for close to the asking price of £1.25 million to the Leonard X Bosack & Bette M Kruger Foundation.

Air cadet's funeral

The funeral of Chris Bailey, 15, one of three air cadets killed when a helicopter crashed into a lake in Snowdonia last week, was held with military honours at Horwich, Lancashire, yesterday. About 500 mourners watched as a lone Chipmunk plane from RAF Woodvale in Southport flew past, giving a final salute.

Robert Maxwell writ

Insurance companies faced a High Court writ yesterday from administrators of Maxwell companies which may lead to a decision on the manner of Robert Maxwell's death 21 months ago. The administrators claim his death was an accident. Eighteen insurance companies are expected to contest this, saying he must have committed suicide.

Troopers deny assault

Two Household Cavalry troopers yesterday denied in court knocking down Harrods' store detectives after they were accused of vandalising a car last year. Dayle Moxom, 27, and Martyn Cooper, 24, admitted punching the car's owner, but said it was in self-defence after a joke went wrong. The case will continue today.

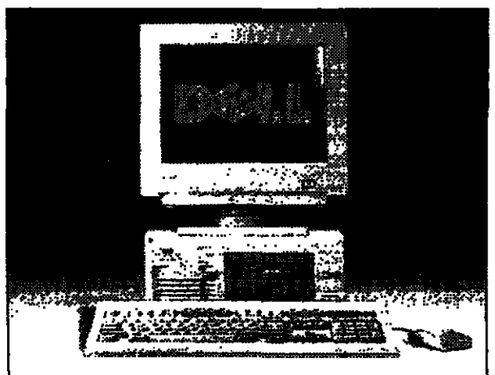
Imported horses seized

Customs officers seized ten horses yesterday in raids on stables in an investigation into undervaluing of show-jumpers imported from Germany. There were no arrests and customs investigators do not expect charges to be made. Any offenders are likely to face paying the full duty on the horse and a Customs fine known as compounding.

Vandals, aged 8, freed

Two boys aged eight used lump hammers to damage two valuable Portland stone urns at the entrance to the Williamson Art Gallery and Museum in Birkenhead, Merseyside. Police traced the boys, who admitted damaging the urns, but because they were under the age of criminal responsibility they could not be charged.

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Top dog caught in an ownership trap

BY GILLIAN BOWDITCH, SCOTLAND CORRESPONDENT

THE fastest dog in Scotland is languishing in police custody while a dispute is waged between two men who claim to own it. Strathclyde regional council is launching a legal action to try to settle the argument.

The subject of the wrangle is Greenwell Kit, the greyhound which won the Scottish St Leger in March, setting a track record in the process.

The ownership dispute is between Dan Gault, a school janitor of Newton Mearns, and Greenwell Kit's breeder, Pat Flaherty. Mr Gault claims that he paid Mr Flaherty £2,500 for the bitch and kept it at the breeder's kennels.

It was agreed that the two men would split any prize money and, at the end of its racing life, Mr Flaherty would retain the dog for breeding and Mr Gault would receive one of its pups. Mr Flaherty says a contract was signed to this effect. Mr Gault claims it is a forgery.

Mr Gault says that eight weeks after he paid for the dog, he was told he would not be able to remove it from Mr Flaherty's kennels or sell it, unless back to the breeder. Mr Gault says he would never have agreed to these terms. "No doggy man would."

The one fact that the two men agree on is that on June 12 Mr Gault removed the bitch from Mr Flaherty's kennels and did not return her. Mr Flaherty then alerted the police, who now have custody.

Mr Gault says he was told that the week after he had paid for Greenwell Kit, Mr Flaherty was offered £9,000 for her. "But I have paid the money for her and she belongs to me. I just want to get my dog back out on the track and winning again."

Mr Flaherty says Mr Gault broke the contract and that the £2,500 paid for Greenwell Kit is only half her value.

The two men even disagree about the dog's ability. Mr Gault says: "After she won the St Leger I believe I could have earned £30,000 out of her between now and Christmas. The top dog in England at the moment is Heavenly Lady, which has won £20,000 in prize money alone this year, but Greenwell Kit would leave her standing."

Mr Flaherty says: "She's a good greyhound but she would have a struggle racing against the English dogs. She's not a champion. But she's a lovely, lovely thing."

No date has been set for the hearing.

Armed police raid 35 homes to smash gun-running ring

BY STEWART TENDLER, CRIME CORRESPONDENT

ARMED police seized 26 weapons, including Uzi submachineguns, revolvers and shotguns, yesterday in one of the biggest operations ever mounted to smash gun running rackets supplying criminal gangs.

As a Flying Squad officer yesterday described being wounded by an Uzi fired in a chase following a £20,000 armed robbery, 150 officers from five forces began raids in the 15-hour Operation Lucy. The nine-month investigation is not connected with the London shooting, but the wounding and the seizures are certain to fuel police anxiety about the supply of weapons available to criminals.

One senior London detective told a recent investigation by *The Times* that at least 5,000 guns were available illegally in London. The discoveries made by Lucy show the sophistication of the weapons being sold to criminals and reinforce police fears that guns are being smuggled from eastern Europe.

Last night detectives said 20 people were in custody after a series of raids on arms dealers, collectors and criminals in an area stretching from Northamptonshire to London. The guns seized include three Uzis, a Czech sub-machinegun, semi-automatic handguns, revolvers and shotguns.

The investigation began after police from the regional crime squad covering south-east England picked up intelligence that drug dealers were beginning to carry Uzis for personal protection. The Israeli-made weapon is compact and easily concealed under a coat. It is favoured by both American dealers and the secret servicemen who guard the US president. Police began to investigate suspects who might be dealers for the underworld and the middle-men who were linked to customers.

The investigators believe some of the guns, such as the Uzis, which can fire 700 rounds a minute, were imported legally into Britain after being altered to become semi-automatic pistols. But they can be re-converted. One officer in the investigation said they were easy to fire and very effective.

During the investigation the



Stubbs: "must be the luckiest man alive"

detectives have looked at the way guns may have been diverted to a black market where Uzis would sell for £1,200 each and other handguns would have fetched £200 and £300 each. Collectors might hold weapons without declaring them.

Thirty-five homes were raided in Bedfordshire, Thames Valley, Hertfordshire, Northamptonshire, Cambridgeshire and north London.

Police fear some of the weapons might have found their way to the London drug gangs, including the Yardie groups. Det Chief Insp Michael Lawless, one of the senior officers, said the investigation had also looked at links to drug dealing and some drugs were recovered. Weapons recovered will be checked by ballistics experts to see if there is any match with weapons used in recent crimes.

Firearms experts in London already have the Uzi used in the raid on Tuesday. Det Sgt Michael Stubbs, 43, whose head was grazed by a bullet in the incident, said: "I must be the luckiest man alive. I don't think I'll ever experience luck like that again.

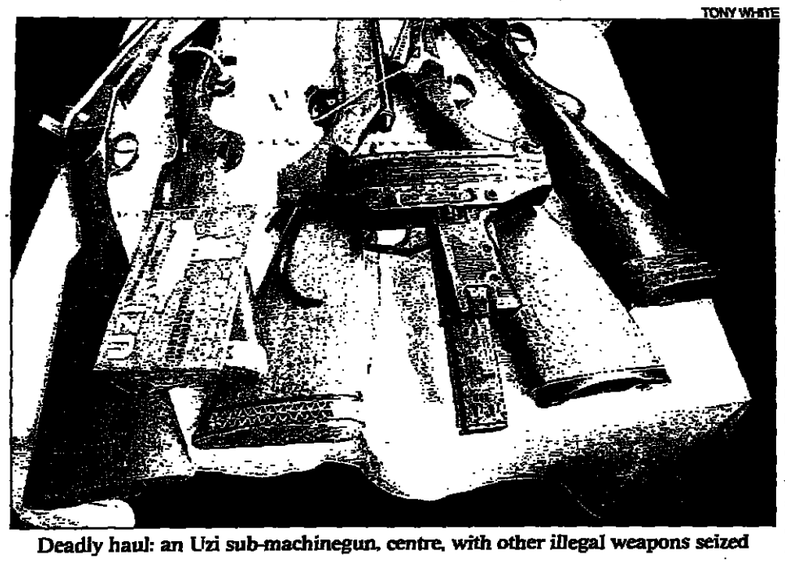
"We came behind a car in which we suspected there were armed robbers. We were chasing it as closely as we could when it was blocked by one of our surveillance vehicles. It got round and then there were a series of shots. I could see white puffs from the barrel of the gun. I hadn't realised at first we were being fired on. Then I realised I had been hit.

"Anyone who has been hit by a bullet says it is like being hit with a hammer. From my experience that is precisely right. It was just like being hit in the forehead with a hammer."

Det Sgt Stubbs said that when he realised his condition was not life-threatening, he encouraged his three colleagues in his unmarked police car to continue the chase, saying, "Get the bastards".

"I know that if the bullet had been an inch the wrong side things would have turned out a lot more serious. I've thought a lot about that since but that is just the luck of the game. In a way it was just my lucky day that the bullet hit my skull and ricocheted."

TONY WHITE



Deadly haul: an Uzi sub-machinegun, centre, with other illegal weapons seized



Woman's realm: the team behind UK Living, a satellite television station which will cater for women from next month. Clockwise, from top left: Polly Perkins, Jayne Irving, Kathryn Holloway, Lis Howell and Michelle Collins

Man facing Nickell charge remanded

BY BILL FROST

THE man accused of stabbing Rachel Nickell to death on Wimbledon Common in front of her two-year-old son appeared in court yesterday.

Colin Stagg, 30, unemployed, of Roehampton, south-west London, was remanded in custody for seven days by magistrates at Wimbledon. He was charged with murdering Miss Nickell, a former model, on July 15 last year.

Mr Stagg had been kept overnight in a cell at Wimbledon police station, where he was charged on Tuesday night. During yesterday's brief hearing he wore a black T-shirt and jeans and sat impassively between two detectives. Twice he rose to speak softly to his solicitor.

Mr Stagg stood with his arms folded as John Fox, the chairman of the magistrates, said he would be remanded in custody for a week. However, he was told he would not need to make another court appearance for 28 days.

Reporting restrictions were not lifted.

Miss Nickell, 23, was stabbed 49 times as she and Alex, then aged two, walked their labrador dog on the common.

The boy, found clinging to his mother's body, was speechless with shock for 24 hours. He is now living in France with his father, Andre Hanscombe.

Mr Stagg's arrest early on Tuesday was the 31st in the year-long enquiry. He was held for questioning briefly last September, but was released.

Deception paid for broker's high life

A HIGH-flying investment broker who preyed on family, friends and the clients who trusted him, came crashing down to earth yesterday.

Patrick "Jake" Reynolds, 41, ran a group of companies from his Centrust consultancy base at Cromer, Norfolk. He lived a life of luxury, operated out of plush offices and employed a large, well paid staff. He drove a Maserati and educated his four children privately.

When he married in 1989 he lavished £4,000 on his wedding reception and spent £13,000 hiring a helicopter to fly to Heathrow airport.

But it was all a façade, Anthony Haycroft, for the prosecution, told Norwich Crown Court yesterday. The Maserati was leased, many of his companies existed only as letterheads. Reynolds was struggling to pay off debts, and he was simply "robbing Peter to pay Paul".

Reynolds eventually fled to Zimbabwe in February 1991, leaving behind debts of more than £1 million and assets of just £12,000. He returned to Britain and gave himself up to the police two years later.

Yesterday he pleaded guilty to eight offences of deception, two involving mortgage frauds and six involving investment frauds totalling almost £500,000. Reynolds asked for nine other offences to be taken into consideration, all of investment fraud, involving another £34,000.

Reynolds, currently of no fixed address, but formerly of Holly Grove Farm, Neatishead, near Wroxham, Norfolk, was jailed for four years.

Island loses last people

THE Orkney island of Cava, which once boasted a population of 29, has lost its last two inhabitants. Margaret Peckham and Ida Woodham, who shared a croft on the 212-acre island, have reluctantly called it a day.

Both in their 70s, they have moved into two caravans on mainland Orkney. During their years on Cava they were dependent for food supplies on an occasional call from local fishermen.

The women, affectionately known as "the woodpeckers", moved to the region 30 years ago. They will now enjoy the benefits of electricity and running water. Both still retain a strong affection for Cava. "It was home after all — if we had the strength we would both go back," said Miss Peckham.

Amorous lawyer 'did not feel rebuffed'

A SOLICITOR accused of attempting to rape a woman lawyer said yesterday that he kissed her on the lips at a ball as they danced and drank the night away.

Angus Diggle, 37, of Bolton, Greater Manchester, said he became amorous towards the 25-year-old woman and finally plucked up the courage to kiss her. "I never got the impression she was rebuffing me," he said.

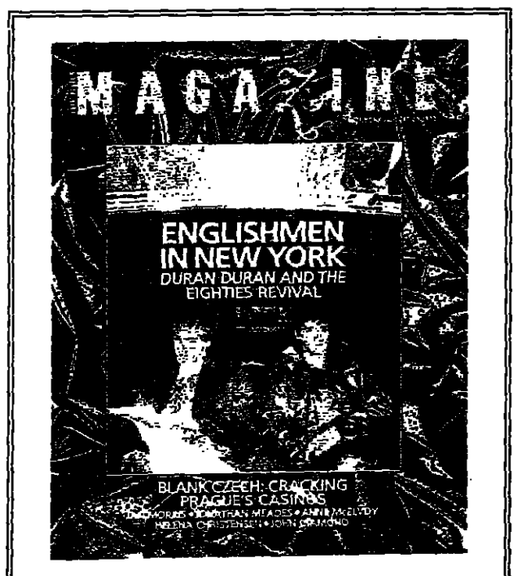
Mr Diggle denies attempting to rape the woman after the dance. He told a jury at the Old Bailey that the woman accepted his invitation to the St Andrew's night ball at the Grosvenor House Hotel in Mayfair, London, on November 30 last year.

They drank a bottle of champagne, a quarter bottle of whisky and wine during the evening. "We were both fairly drunk," he said. Michael Borrelli, for the defence, asked: "Did the drink have any effect?" Mr Diggle said: "I suppose I became more amorous towards her."

Asked whether she objected, Mr Diggle said: "No. I think I also possibly put my arm round her while we sat at the table. I think I asked her to kiss me," he said.

Mr Diggle said he was introduced to the woman at a ball in London for young solicitors. They spoke for about one and a half hours and exchanged telephone numbers. Mr Diggle said he invited her to the St Andrew's day ball and she accepted. Two days before the ball she called to say she had sprained her ankle. Mr Diggle told her: "It does not matter, we will have a good time anyway." He said she had arranged for him to stay at her friend's flat with her and he cancelled accommodation he had booked.

Mr Diggle said they left the dance at about 3.45am and caught a taxi to the friend's flat in Earls Court, west London. "We were both fairly drunk. I can remember collecting my luggage from the cloakroom. The next thing I remember is being at the flat," he said. Mr Diggle continues his evidence today.



WILD BOYS ARE BACK

"It is difficult to turn heads in the lobby of the Royalton, so used is that post-modern palace to celebrities, but the court of Duran Duran had managed to do it. Unnoticed amid all the fuss, Koo Stark was curled up on a Philippe Starck sofa, reading a book. It was a triple whammy for eighties revivalism"

Michael Bracewell on the latest pop revival, on the road with Duran Duran

Plus Jan Morris on Celtic passion, supermodel fashion and casino-cracking in the East

This Saturday in The Times Magazine

Custody for man who killed Queen's swans

BY ROBIN YOUNG

A MAN who shot two mute swans with an air rifle was yesterday given a three-month youth detention sentence because, under medieval law, the birds were deemed to be the property of the Queen.

It is the first time this century that anyone has received a custodial sentence for shooting swans. Normally prosecutions for attacks on wild birds are brought under the Wildlife and Countryside Act, which makes no provision for imprisonment. The maximum fine for killing each swan would have been £1,000.

The charge brought against Alfred Dines, 20, who shot at a nesting pair of swans on a canal at Stroud, Gloucestershire, was of criminal damage to the Queen's property. Dines admitted the charge, and Stroud magistrates heard that he had fired more than 20 pellets at the swans, which died slow and painful deaths.

Imposing a sentence of three months' youth detention, the chairman of the magistrates, John Wright, said: "This was a deliberate and cruel act." The court declined to make an order for costs or compensation to the Queen. Dines's sentence will begin after he completes a 30-month term for an armed robbery.

Top perfumes could lose whiff of luxury

BY JULIA LLEWELLYN SMITH

CHANEL No. 5, which costs the same per ounce as 18 carat gold, may soon be widely available for far below the recommended retail price.

A report on the perfume industry delivered yesterday to the Department of Trade and Industry is expected to lead to the prices of many top perfumes being cut.

The Monopolies and Mergers Commission has been investigating the industry, worth £400 million a year, after complaints that fragrance houses were holding prices at an artificially high level. The Superdrug chain, which has been reducing recommended retail prices by as much as 30 per cent, complained to the Office of Fair Trading that companies such as Christian Dior and Yves St Laurent were refusing to supply high street shops. It was supported by Asda and Littlewoods who have also been selling discounted scents.

In any bottle of perfume the raw ingredients are worth about 5-10 per cent of the final price, with manufacturing costs adding about another £1 to the bottle. The average retail profit margin on fragrances is 40-60 per cent.

The fragrance houses defend their high prices by saying that their perfumes are more than a commodity — they are dreams in a bottle. Few women can afford a Chanel cocktail dress, but many can find £30 for a scent that bears the exclusive brand name. Lower prices, the companies claim, would tarnish their luxurious image.

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Cult leader's daughter cleared of blackmail bid

BY MICHAEL HORSNELL



The principals: left to right, Kevin O'Byrne, the cult leader, Rebecca Teacher, his daughter, William Webb, her stepfather, Lorraine Boyce, a former cult member, and Judge Tayler

THE daughter of a cult leader was yesterday cleared of attempting to blackmail him for £60,000 over allegations of his physical and sexual abuse of children. Rebecca Teacher, whose stepfather, William Webb, was also found not guilty at the Old Bailey, immediately vowed to help police to investigate the sect.

After the jury gave its verdicts David Bate, for the *prosecution, said Miss Teacher*, 18, had been offered the services of a specialist child protection unit if she wished to have her allegations of years of abuse at the hands of the sect, The Teachers, investigated.

He said that any witnesses who had made similar allegations during the seven-day trial or former cult members should come forward if they had statements to make. The police were powerless to undertake a full investigation without witnesses.

Miss Teacher confirmed she would be seeing police: "I want the guilty parties to be prosecuted. I can never forgive or forget what happened to me," she said. "I did this not just for myself but for the other children."

Mr Webb, 43, said: "I was incidental in the whole thing. This completely vindicates Rebecca. I had faith in her and this proves she was right."

Throughout the trial, Mr Bate had not contested the allegations that Kevin O'Byrne, the cult leader, ruled his North Wales commune through violence, threats and a mesmerising personality.

He told the jury that The Teachers were "weird and bizarre". He said: "You have heard the most extraordinary story of a sect whose principles most civilised people would regard as being dangerous and some of whose acts and activities we would regard as being indefensible by any normal standards."

But he warned the jury: "We are not here to try The Teachers." The issue was not whether the "terrible allegations" of repeated sexual and physical abuse of children were true, but whether the blackmail demands were warranted.

Both Mr Webb, a laser consultant, and Miss Teacher, of Barnet, north London, had admitted demanding the money in a series of telephone calls and backing up the demands with threats to reveal Mr O'Byrne's activities to newspapers. But both told the court that their demands were warranted to compensate Miss Teacher for her years of alleged suffering.

She made her demands only after her efforts to sue her father in the civil court and her attempts to alert the authorities to her plight and those of other children had failed. It took the jury two hours to decide that the demands had been warranted.

A dozen children have allegedly suffered at the hands of the bizarre cult established by Mr O'Byrne, a New Age guru. Although police in Bangor, the NSPCC and social service workers were called in several times to investigate complaints, they were never able to take action. Last night, however, police were preparing to investigate the activities of the cult.

Mr O'Byrne, 57, who liked to be known as Kevin of The Teachers, and the man at the centre of the allegations, turned the trial into *Hamlet* without the prince. The prosecution decided against calling him to give evidence.

Judge Tayler had likened the sect to those run by David Koresh at Waco, Texas, and the Rev Jim Jones, who led 900 disciples to suicide in Guyana in 1978.

In his summing up, the judge said that cult leaders had the ability to hypnotise their followers and that at times Mr O'Byrne was "mentally dangerous and viciously violent".

Mr O'Byrne, a former schoolmaster and computer salesman who now describes himself as an artist, ruled the roost at the farmhouse commune, Correg y Ffedwen, at Tregarth near Bangor. He fathered seven children by his ex-wife Margaret before setting up The Teachers. There he sired a further five children by four different women. Some of the offspring were registered in the surname Teacher and their birth certificates failed to name the father.

Recruits to The Teachers were required to take a vow of poverty, to divorce if already married and to leave their children in the care of Mr O'Byrne, his eldest son Patrick, now 35, and Michelle Bland, now 42, who respectively taught them mathematics and English.

Allegations against the sect included public chastisement and tortures such as dumping a child in a cold bath and pouring cold water down his throat. Children were treated as "slaves", having to prepare their own meals, carry out domestic chores and work on *the farm*.

One former member who gave evidence, Lorraine Boyce, 53, a former deputy headmistress, said Mr O'Byrne "made no secret of the fact that he was a paranoid schizophrenic" and described beatings at the commune. She said she was ashamed she did nothing to stop the brutality she witnessed.

The cult has remained in premises at Bledington Grounds, a 17th century farmhouse near Stow-on-the-Wold, Gloucestershire, in a large detached Victorian house in Ealing, west London, and in a small house in Oxford, where *Mr O'Byrne lives*.

At its peak the cult had 40 members and 12 children. Now there are believed to be only 11, of whom a small number are children in their middle teens over whom The Teachers have gained wardship.

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Ticket prices cut

THE prices of tickets for *The Times* World Chess Championship between Garry Kasparov and Nigel Short have been reduced.

The cheapest ticket for the championship, to be held next month in London, now costs £20 rather than £40. Other tickets costing £65 and £85 have been reduced to £35 and £55.

Instead of the two types of hospitality deal tickets being sold at £125 and £150 there will now just be one type at £125.

The CPMA Group, promoters of the championship to be held at the Savoy Theatre from September 7 to October 30, announced the changes yesterday along with a number of special packages combining tickets with hotel accommodation and flights.

Peter Stothard, editor of *The Times*, said: "We aim to make the championship accessible to as many people as possible. The new ticketing stucture allows tickets to be offered to a wider public."

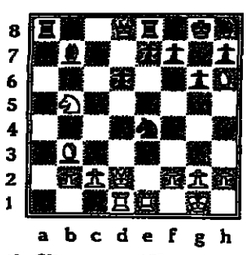
THE TIMES WORLD CHESS CHAMPIONSHIP

BY RAYMOND KEENE
CHESS CORRESPONDENT

THE play-off for the British title, which ended in a tie between Michael Hennigan and Dharshan Kumaran, will take place next month.

Today, championship highlights: this game was a defeat for the defending champion, Julian Hodgson, with a clever queen manoeuvre for White on 18 and 19.

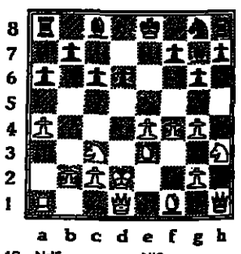
White: John Emms
Black: Julian Hodgson
British championship, Dundee 1993



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19	Qc4	d5
20	Qc7	Rb8
21	Qxd8	Rbxd8
22	Nc7	e6
23	Nxe8	Nxe8
24	c3	Nd6
25	Bf4	Bf6
26	Ra1	g5
27	Be5	Kg7
28	Bd6+	Kxf6
29	Bc2	h5
30	Bd3	g4
31	f4	gxf3
32	gxf3	Nc4
33	Bxc4	dxc4
34	Rad1	Bd5
35	Kf2	Rb8
36	Rd2	Rb5
37	Rg1	Bc6
38	f4	Rf5
39	Rg3	Bd5
40	Rd4	Ke5
41	Rg5	Rxg5
42	f4+	Kf5
43	fxg5	f6
44	gxf6	Kd6
45	Ke3	Black resigns

In the following clash White landed the final blow after a flurry of material.

White: Henderson
Black: Noyce
British championship, Dundee 1993



12	Nd5	Nf6
13	Nc7+	Kd8
14	Nxa8	Bxg4
15	Qe1	Bxh3
16	gxh3	Qxe4
17	Bd3	Qg2+
18	Of2	Qxh3
19	Ba7	Nd5
20	c4	Bxb2
21	Rb1	Bc3+
22	Kc2	Nb4+
23	Rxb4	Bxb4
24	Qb6+	Ke7
25	Qxb4	Qg2+
26	Kb3	c5
27	Qe1+	Kd8
28	Qh4+	g5
29	Qh6	Ke7
30	Nb6	gxf4
31	Nd5+	Black resigns

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SAINTS AND SINNERS

SAINTS and religious leaders, with a few notable exceptions, have taken a dim view of chess. The fifth chapter of the *Koran* describes chess as an abomination: the Jews banned it in 1322: Buddha banned it long before chess was invented (he was against games on an eight-by-eight board): and the Christians were always banning it.

The Ayatollah Khomeini removed a ban in 1988, provided gambling was not involved.

In the 14th century, John Wycliffe called chess-playing "ydelnesse and wauntounesse" and placed it somewhere between lying "in softe beddis" and "lecherie" as an example of scandalous behaviour.

There were exceptions: St Francis Xavier saved a soldier's soul by teaching him chess and Thomas à Becket is said to have played chess with Henry II before things turned nasty.

But the outstanding chess-player among the saints was St Teresa of Avila, who used the game as a means of instruction. Her enthusiasm led to her being declared the patron saint of chess-players.

A Spanish priest, Ruy Lopez, was the first world champion of the modern game. He received a pension from Philip II of Spain, a stipend of 2,000 gold crowns a year and the income from one of the most successful chess books written. He was a good deal more prosperous than most modern grandmasters.

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Solicitors say inflexible system has seen some child maintenance doubled

New support agency accused of injustice to absent fathers

BY FRANCES GIBB, LEGAL CORRESPONDENT

SOLICITORS fear that measures introduced to ensure that absent fathers pay for their children's upbringing are backfiring and resulting in widespread injustice.

Since the Child Support Agency was set up in April, divorced fathers are facing severely increased maintenance payments, in some cases double what they were paying before. The agency has wide-ranging powers to assess and enforce maintenance.

Susan Deas, a solicitor in Chester whose client is bringing a test appeal over maintenance payments, said: "There is a lot of grievance about the way the assessment works; many people are outraged with the way the agency is working. It was hailed as a mechanism to catch errant fathers, but it's taking a sledgehammer to crack a nut."

Her client, Gary Crozier, has begun proceedings to change the terms of his divorce settlement after being ordered to pay hefty maintenance payments by the agency.

When Mr Crozier, a manual worker from Carlisle, Cumbria, divorced in 1986, he agreed to sign over the family home to his former wife in exchange for relinquishing financial responsibility for his son. Seven years later, remarried and supporting a new young family, he has been ordered to pay £37 a week maintenance for his son.

His test case is thought to be the first arising from the Child Support Act 1991, under which the agency was set up. It will be watched by thousands of divorced fathers who are facing either new or hugely-increased payments to their children, even though their divorce agreements were based on the principle of a "clean break".

Mrs Deas said: "My client's wife was quite happy with the existing arrangement. But since the act came in he, like many, is facing these maintenance payments which have been decided by Big Brother."

Some fathers are facing more than a doubling in maintenance payments from, for instance, £160 a month to £360 a month. Mrs Deas said: "People paying £30 a week are now finding they must pay £60 and they can't handle it."

Family law solicitors are further concerned that the Lord Chancellor, Lord Mackay of Clashfern, will change the law which enables divorced fathers who are not receiving benefits to make agreements on maintenance and convert these to court orders, whether by consent or after a contested hearing. They fear that Lord Mackay intends to amend the law, possibly by November, and are urging fathers to make such written agreements on child maintenance part of their divorce package.

Members of the Solicitors' Family Law Association have met Lord Mackay to voice their concerns. David Salter, of the Leeds firm Booth & Co, said: "If you are not on income support or family credit and you have a written agreement — dated before the act or after — you can still go to the court and ask for that to be converted into a court order.

"We can understand that it represents a departure from the scheme of the Child Support Act and a return to courts being involved, but does it do any harm?"

James Pirrie, a family solicitor with Russell Jones & Walker in London, said that at present parting couples could be flexible about the child maintenance as it was just one element in the total package, but when the new agency applied its formula to assessing maintenance it took no account of any other arrangements.

"I have a client whose net monthly income is £900," he said. "He has debts in the shape of bank loans which are being paid off at a rate of £375 a month. His child support for three children would be assessed by the agency at £375 — lower than it might be, as the mother is earning. So that would leave him £75 a month to live on."

Another solicitor, Imogen Clout, of Irwin Mitchell in Sheffield, who has produced a guide to the act, said that the inflexibility of the agency in assessing maintenance was the worst injustice. "People are already quite often burdened with debts and the formula takes no account of this."

MARC HILL



David and Julia Barrow with a picture of her children from her first marriage

The cry for help which threatens to tear apart a family

BY SOPHIE MOELLER

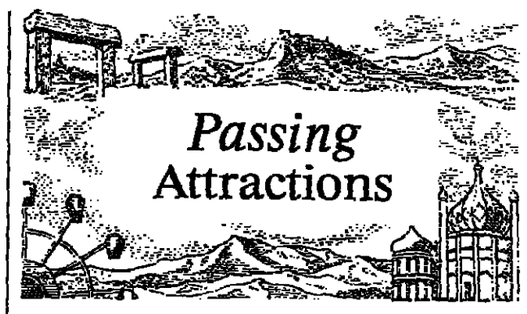
WHEN the Barrows' business failed and they were forced to apply for support they had no idea it could lead to the break-up of their family. Nobody had told them that filing for benefit would mean automatic scrutiny of their situation by the Child Support Agency. If a parent is receiving income support, the agency is empowered by the Child Support Act to force absent parents to pay higher levels of child maintenance than were decreed in the divorce settlement.

The Barrows knew that in their case this could lead to custody battle over Mrs Barrow's sons from her first marriage, who were now living with her and their stepfather.

Mrs Barrow's ex-husband, who could be ordered to pay up to 50 per cent of his disposable income in maintenance, regardless of the original court settlement, might fight to have his sons back rather than have to pay more. David and Julia Barrow were married in 1991. He had two daughters from a previous marriage, she three sons. They have since had their own daughter, and the family live in Kingsbridge, Devon.

When the couple applied for housing benefit, as well as income support, they had never even considered contacting the Child Support Agency, happy with the maintenance that Julia's ex-husband was paying. They were dismayed when they recently received a form from the agency which said that her ex-husband, by law, had to be means-tested. The Barrows felt embarrassed about having to tell him of their altered financial circumstances.

Mrs Barrow said: "I don't know what he might use against me in order to get custody, but he would have good cause. He's not going to pay half his [disposable] salary in maintenance. And why should he? It is us who have the problem."



As more people holiday at home, The Times looks at popular destinations

Buckingham Palace

Location? On a plot in the manor of Ebury leased by James I to the Earl of Middlesex in 1623 to grow mulberry trees to support domestic silk industry. Wrong sort of trees: collapse of silk industry. Became a haunt of rapscallions, whores and ne'er-do-wells until leased in 1702 by John Sheffield, Duke of Buckingham, who built himself a grand house, subsequently admired and acquired for £28,000 by George III. Extravagantly enlarged by his son, George IV.

Appearance? Early 20th century Portland stone façade like a bank head-office hiding an elegant Georgian quadrangle in Bath sandstone.

Famous for? Balcony appearances, Michael Fagan, Nash staterooms, 40-acre gardens, kitchens a quarter-mile from the Queen's dining room.

Not to be confused with? Victoria Palace (theatre), Alexandra Palace (exhibition hall), Crystal Palace (football club), Strand Palace (hotel), Caesar's Palace (nightclub).

Opinions of BP? "It has cost a million of money, and there is not a fault that has not been committed in it. Instead of being called Buckingham Palace, it should be called the Brunswick Hotel." — Thomas Creevey, 19th century diarist. "Hideous: turn it into a barracks, or a new home for parliament" — William IV. "Too small" — Queen Victoria.

Senior resident? Margaret "Bobo" Macdonald, 82, the Queen's senior dresser, who began her palace career as a nurserymaid to the infant Princess Elizabeth and has been with her ever since. Although semi-retired, Miss Macdonald remains a power in her dominion of rooms hung with hundreds of dresses, coats and other outfits.

Others? The Queen and Duke of Edinburgh reside on weekdays, Prince Edward regularly, Charles, Andrew and Anne occasionally when in need of a Westminster *pied-à-terre*.

Highlights? Rembrandt's *The Shipbuilder*, Rubens' *St George and the Dragon*, Winterhalter's *The Family of Queen Victoria*, Nash's state-room interiors, Napoleon's table, and the view from the terrace.

Lowlights? Crossing the street from The Mall to ambassadors' entrance — the Brands Hatch of the London taxi trade — and the absence on the tour of any evidence that the palace is the living, working headquarters of a real, live monarchy.

Hidden corners? 52 royal and guest bedrooms, 188 staff bedrooms, 92 offices, 78 bathrooms and lavatories, a swimming pool, nuclear shelter, and a vast basement of stores, pantries, wine cellars and workrooms in which even the staff run a risk of getting lost.

Staff? 335 at the last count, from Sir Robert Fellowes, the Queen's private secretary, down to ostlers, cleaners, under-footmen, pages and a man who winds the 300 clocks.

Visiting head of state they would sooner forget? Nicolae Ceausescu, who came to the palace in 1978, invested the Queen with the Star of the Socialist Republic of Romania, and got the Order of the Bath in return.

Least likely future visitor? Any toe-sucking Texan financial adviser.

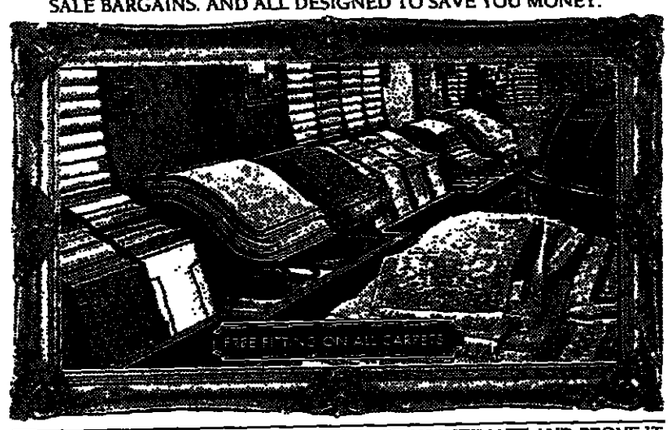
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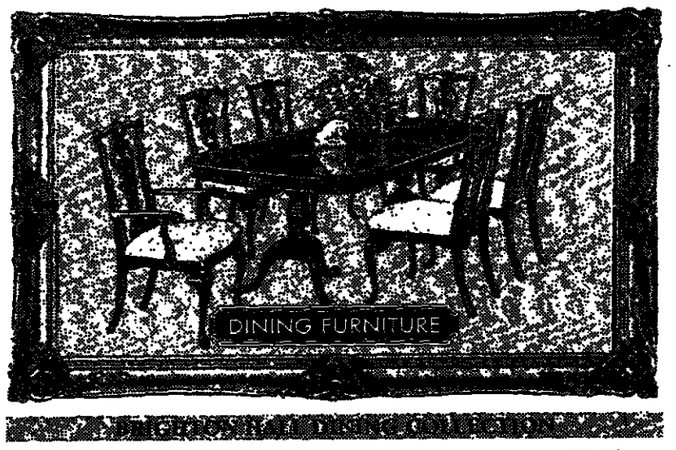
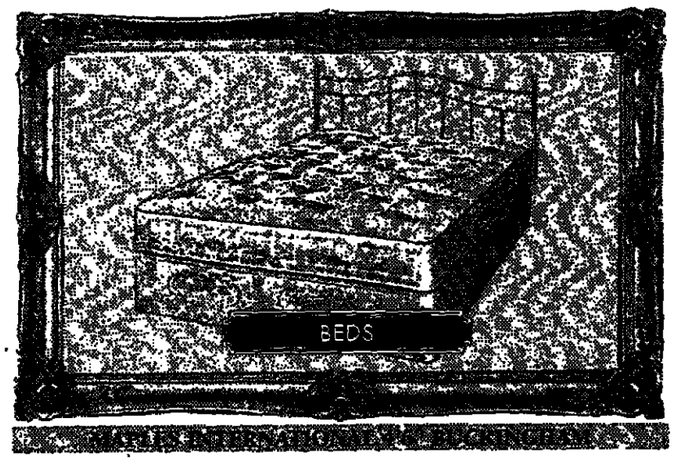


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EC digs deep to pay the 'green dividend'

By Michael Hornsby
Countryside Correspondent

FARMING AND THE COUNTRYSIDE

ONE of the biggest harvests this year for British farmers will be the subsidies they receive for growing nothing on 15 per cent of their land.

An arable farmer in England will receive £104 for every acre he has had to leave uncropped; he will be further compensated for this enforced restraint with subsidies of £57 for every acre of cereal he grows, £148 for every acre of peas or beans and £180 for every acre of rape.

The justification for this colossal expenditure — estimated at £800 million in the UK this year and rising to £1,000 million next — is the EC's pressing need to reduce a 30 million tonne mountain of surplus cereals.

Last year, the EC started to wind down the inflated guaranteed prices that have encouraged cereal farmers to pump up production far beyond realistic demand.

These reforms will take time to work. Meanwhile, set-aside — taking land out of production — is seen as the only practicable way of cutting cereal output quickly enough to stay within the limits on subsidised exports the EC has accepted in the Gatt world trade talks. Some 50,000 British cereal growers are estimated to have left 1.5 million acres fallow this year in scattered plots across the country.

Gillian Shephard, the agriculture minister, said recently that set-aside should be seen as the "green dividend" of unavoidable action to curb over-production, offering a chance to create new habitats for plants and wildlife.

Few others are as confident. Tony Burton, senior planner at the Council for the Protection of Rural England, said: "Huge sums of money, which might have been channelled into positive landscape creation, are being wasted on compensating farmers for not growing food that nobody wants anyway."

Last May the Royal Institution of Chartered Surveyors and the Royal Town Planning Institute joined forces with county and district planning officers to issue a warning that set-aside would be seen by the public as "grant-aided dereliction" unless applied in a more imaginative way.

They recommended that land should be kept out of farming for at least 20 years. "Surplus farmland must be managed positively and over a long time-scale if the landscape is to be enhanced, recreation promoted and ecological diversity fostered."

Such visions conflict with the rules for set-aside laid down in Brussels. Farmers have had to rotate the 15 per cent fallow area, moving it to a different part of their farm each year to ensure that they do not simply mothball their least fertile fields.

If the countryside is to see any of Mrs Shephard's green dividend, the best hope lies with non-rotational set-aside, under which the same land has to be kept out of production for at least five years. Farmers who choose this option, which will be available next year, will have to leave 18 per cent of their land fallow.

Even this will hurt some farmers. Five years ago Robert Sherriff put half of the 600 acres he farms around Bayford, Hertfordshire, into an earlier version of the set-aside scheme. Since then some 40 acres previously sown with cereals, beans and rape has been managed as a traditional hay meadow open to ramblers and picknickers.

Mr Sherriff now fears he may have to plough the fields up and put them back under crops because of limits on the amount of land that can be permanently set aside.

In the end, set-aside may not greatly reduce output because many farmers will still have an incentive to intensify crop-growing on the rest of their land. If that proves to be the case, the EC may have little choice but to force farmers to take even bigger percentages of land out of commission.


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Policy change: Robert Sherriff may have to plough up land he has set aside as a traditional hay meadow for picnickers and walkers



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Zoo waits to see if panda is pregnant

By James Landale

MING Ming, London zoo's 14-year-old giant panda, is believed to be pregnant. If the programme of artificial insemination she has been undergoing proves successful, she will become the first giant panda to give birth to a cub at the zoo since it started keeping them in the 1930s.

Although there is no reliable pregnancy test, Ming Ming's keepers believe she has conceived after being inseminated in April. Gina Dobson, a spokeswoman for the zoo, said: "She might be pregnant, she might not be, but there is a slim chance. It is a case of watching and waiting and taking care of her. Pandas do not suddenly put on weight and there is no way of telling that one of her eggs is definitely fertilised."

She said the artificial insemination had gone "extremely well" and that vets were monitoring her hormone levels closely. If she is pregnant, the cub will be born between now and October. Bao Bao, who was brought from Berlin in November 1991, provided the sperm. He left in May after his boisterous advances were continually rejected. He gave her such a mauling that she lost a claw.

Pandas find it difficult to procreate. There are only about 20 in captivity in the West, the females are fussy about their partners and they come on heat for only four days every year. The zoo has been unlucky with its panda breeding. Attempts to mate Chi Chi with An An, from the Soviet Union, failed in the late 1960s. The union between Chia Chia and Ching Ching, both presents from China to Edward Heath, the then prime minister, also failed.

NEWS IN BRIEF

Mother battered to death

A young mother was battered to death in the grounds of Coley Park Mansion, Reading, Berkshire. Police, alerted by members of the public who heard screaming on Tuesday night, found Teresa Williams, 18, unconscious.

Miss Williams, who had a nine-month-old baby daughter, was dead on arrival at hospital. A man known to the victim was helping police.

Liver setback

A Belfast baby given 24 hours to live without a liver transplant two weeks ago, has contracted a viral infection that makes operating too dangerous. Doctors at Birmingham Children's Hospital have had to take 11-month-old Caolan McDonald off the emergency list for a transplant.

Player charged

A rugby player has been accused of the unlawful killing of an opponent. Seamus Lavelle, 30, died after being injured on March 13. William Hardy, 24, of Chiswick, west London, was remanded on bail by Hendon magistrates, London.

Pilot named

A pilot who was killed on Sunday when he crash-landed his stricken Piper PA31 aircraft in a field outside Guildford, Surrey, to avoid hitting houses, has been named as Jonathan Brinks of Blackheath, east London.

Family found

A brother and sister who have been separated since their mother died 72 years ago, have been reunited. George Jackson, 74, from Bedhampton, Hampshire, traced Kate Price, 86, to a Coventry rest home.

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A-level results give critics ammunition in battle to overthrow single 'gold standard' of education

Ministers fail to steer more students into science studies

BY JOHN O'LEARY AND BEN PRESTON

MINISTERS suffered setbacks on initiatives to raise educational standards yesterday when A-level results showed sixth-formers were resisting attempts to steer them into science subjects and a broader range of study.

The national breakdown of A level entries confirmed a continuing decline in the numbers taking sciences, just when the government was trying to encourage more students on to degree courses in those subjects. Similarly, the AS level, which is intended to broaden the sixth-form curriculum, has failed to attract the numbers ministers had hoped for.

Against a trend of increased entries, all the main science subjects had fewer candidates this year. Physics showed the steepest decline, with almost 10 per cent fewer students taking the subject at A level. There was an increase in technology subjects, but chemistry and biology were down.

Restrictions on recruitment to degree courses in the arts and social sciences, introduced by ministers last Christmas, deliberately excluded science subjects to encourage students to move into areas of national shortage. But the signal came too late to influence this year's candidates.

Baroness Blatch, the education minister, admitted that the take-up of science courses was disappointingly low, but expressed hope that the larger numbers taking the subjects under the national curriculum would reverse the trend.

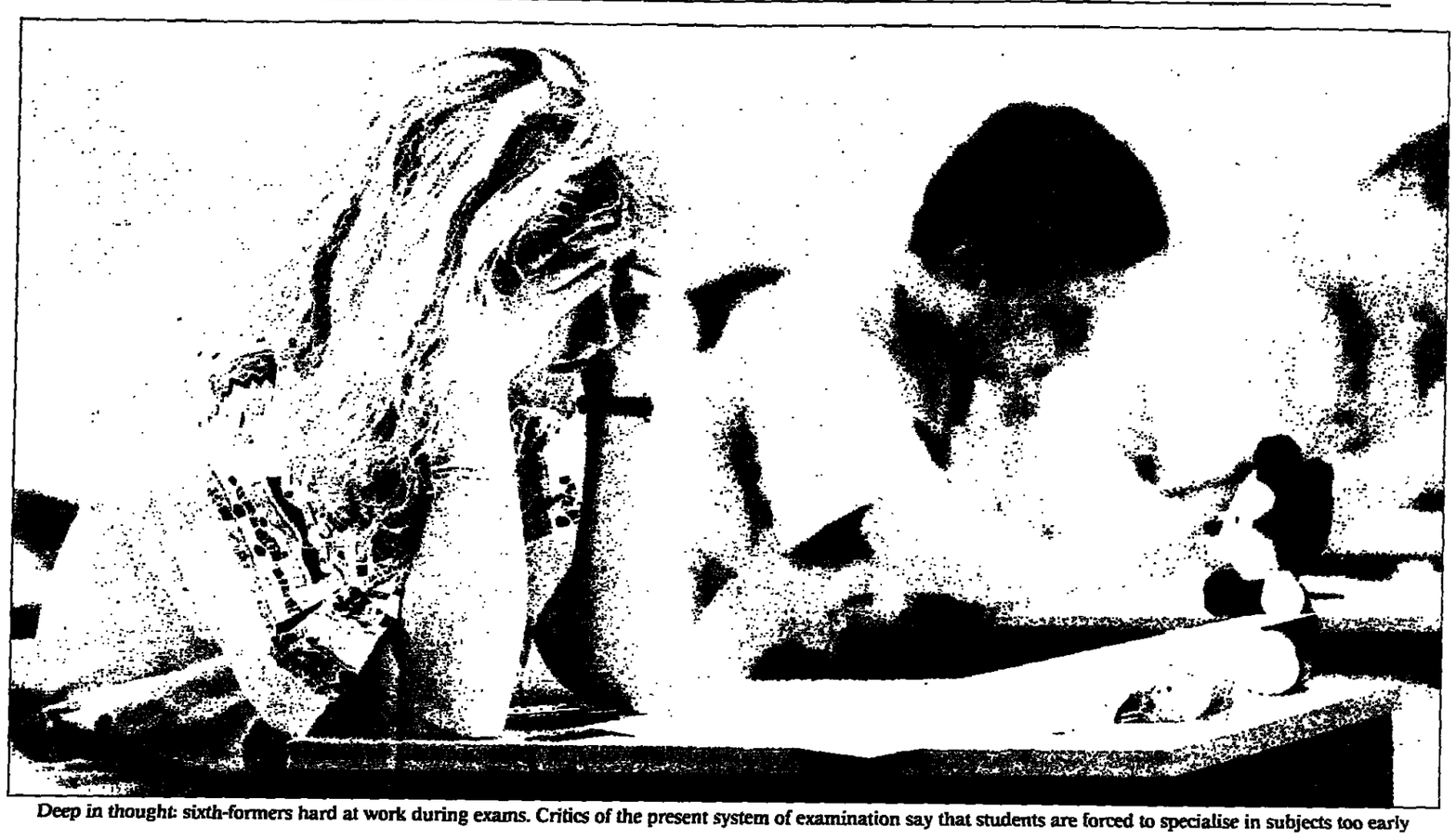
Phil Ramsden, who chairs the Association for Science Education, said the figures should be treated with caution since some science specialists would have taken vocational qualifications rather than A levels. "We are concerned that numbers seem to be going down, but the situation is more complicated than it appears and there are hopeful signs among younger age-groups," he said. The AS level shows no such signs, however, and the government was urged yesterday to find an alternative means of broadening the sixth-form curriculum. Ministers had claimed the examination, worth half an A level, was beginning to establish itself in schools after five years. But for the second year running AS-level entries almost ground to a halt with only 523 more papers taken.

While there were 728,574 entries for A level, fewer than 53,521 took AS levels. Pass-rates improved slightly to almost 71 per cent, but remain lower than at A level. AS level entries for science subjects rose marginally, although the trend was down in mathematics, mirroring the fall at A level. The sharpest increases came in entries for business studies, English and social sciences.

Critics seized on the slow-down as evidence of the failure of ministers' strategy to leave A levels untouched while introducing AS levels. Successive education secretaries have rejected calls from teaching organisations and universities to introduce breadth by increasing the number of A levels studied from three to five. Professor Alan Smithers, a government adviser and professor of education at Manchester University, urged the government to rethink. "We need to give arts students the opportunity to continue with science, maths and languages beyond 16. The present system forces people to make unecessary choices too early, which is damaging to the economy."

Win Griffiths, the shadow education minister, said the failure of AS levels to win pupils and schools showed it offered no solution to the problem of ensuring breadth in the curriculum.

The Department of Education acknowledged the entry figures for AS levels were disappointing. "Ministers believe the examination is making a valuable contribution and it is up for the customers — both students and schools — to decide best how to use them," it said.



Deep in thought: sixth-formers hard at work during exams. Critics of the present system of examination say that students are forced to specialise in subjects too early



Baroness Blatch: 'results disappointing'

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Middle-aged test struggling to keep up

BY BEN PRESTON
EDUCATION REPORTER

HISTORY OF THE EXAM

THE A level is creaking from middle age as it struggles for a new role in a rapidly changing education world. Forty-two years ago, the examination was established to act as a barrier to an unashamedly elitist university system. Just 3.1 per cent of the age group sat A levels in 1951, with the pass rate at 70 per cent.

Now, that clarity of purpose has all but disappeared. The A level is caught between ministerial rhetoric that it is the "gold standard" of the education system, and the advent of mass higher education, which seeks to encourage more people to stay-on.

Almost one-third of teenagers sat the examination this summer. The pass rate, which has increased by about 1 per cent each year over the last decade, topped 80 per cent for the first time. Does more mean worse? Or should greater success be celebrated as Britain nudges towards a government target of one in three young people entering higher education by the end of the decade?

Three problems have emerged to confront the policy makers. First, the status of A levels and the lack of a credible alternative vocational qualification has meant many young people have signed up for academic courses for which they are unsuited.

The Audit Commission recently reported more than half of A-level students who enrolled with the equivalent of four GCSEs at grade C and three grade Ds either failed or dropped out.

Baroness Blatch, the education minister, acknowledged the problem yesterday while highlighting the government's proposed solution — the General National Vocational Qualification level three, which ministers have renamed the "vocational A level". Lady Blatch said that as the new job-related courses took off they would ensure young people of all aptitudes would have an effective range of qualifications beyond 16.

Early signs are encouraging, with up to 70,000 16-year-olds expected to join GNVQ courses in September, suggesting this summer's record A-level entry could be the examination's highwater mark.

Second, burgeoning pass rates have fuelled concern about A-level marking standards. A series of official reports in June scrutinising the work of examination boards cast new light on the debate over GCSE standards. They suggest the A level was more vulnerable to criticism.

The School Examinations and Assessment Council (Seac) study, based on 18 separate scrutiny reports covering 14 subjects and 48 syllabuses for examinations sat by more than 128,000 candidates last summer, found that only half of the guidelines issued to examiners, to maintain common standards as they graded papers, promoted accurate and consistent marking. Optional papers and questions opened up easy routes to good grades. Fifteen out of Seac's 18 reports recommended action.

Ministers have already taken note. In December, they ordered the Office for Standards in Education to investigate this summer's A levels in the same way as for GCSEs last year.

The third issue is the most pressing: how to counter excessive specialisation at 16 to ensure scientists are literate and arts students have a grounding in science and mathematics. The government's solution — to encourage AS levels — is floundering. Entries this summer were stagnant, with barely 6,000 people opting for AS-level science subjects and only 3,171 for French.

The problem is acute because of the squeeze on university places in arts and social sciences. Ministers expect candidates to switch into science courses with vacancies. But, sadly, many will lack the qualifications for them, having dropped science at 16.

Race for places is under way

BY JOHN O'LEARY
EDUCATION CORRESPONDENT

QUESTION TIME

THE annual scramble for university places, which begins today, promises to be particularly fraught this year. Perseverance and a cool head will be required by those who miss the grades they need for their chosen course.

However, for at least half of the 400,000 university applicants, today will be one of celebration. Pass rates are up, and admissions tutors have been told to accept all applicants who match their offers, even if the university has exceeded its quota.

Nor will the predicted squeeze on degree places apply across the board. Although the government has temporarily halted the expansion of arts and social science courses, there should be more room than ever in science and technology. Universities and colleges have had the A-level results for several days, and will have made provisional decisions on which candidates to accept. Most places will be allocated over the next week, as successful applicants make their choices and admissions tutors establish what leeway they have in marginal cases.

The official clearing process, by which the admissions agencies fill remaining vacancies, starts next Wednesday. But those who fall short of their required grades are well advised to start looking for a place immediately. Many universities are operating helplines.

Experts say candidates in doubt over whether they have met their offers should contact admissions tutors. It is worth making the case for a place in the event of a near miss.

If rejection is confirmed, a careers office should be the first port of call. There should be some places for those who are quick off the mark and willing to consider a wide range of institutions.

Next week the admissions agencies will send clearing documents and instructions to those who have not secured a place. Course vacancies will be published in newspapers, including *The Times*, and on electronic databases.

Calculating the best course for top grades

THE SUBJECTS

BY OUR EDUCATION REPORTER

SIXTH-form pupils who are looking for an easy ride at their A-level exams should study Welsh, classics, German and the more obscure foreign languages, to judge by this year's results.

These subjects emerge from today's results as the richest source of the A, B and C grades that admissions tutors usually require for a university place at a time when a squeeze on funding has meant tougher competition among students.

Provisional figures show an increase of 1.6 per cent in the number of students gaining the top three grades and a 1.1 per cent increase in those gaining passes of all grades. But startling differences in pass rates and the distribution of grades suggest that computing, economics, business studies, home economics and biology are the subjects to be avoided by those students trying to plot the statistical path to success.

Mathematics is the best option for those intent on decorating their *curriculum vitae* with top grades. Almost a quarter of A-level entrants won A-grade passes this year, four times the success rate for business studies (6.1 per cent).

While almost two-thirds of candidates for languages such as Italian, Russian and Japanese secured a grade C or better, only 39 per cent of those studying computing achieved this level.

The more popular of the modern languages — French, German and Spanish — all lagged well behind Welsh, for which 63.7 per cent of the 810 A-level candidates this year won much-coveted C grades.

Classics could be poised for a revival after years of decline if candidates start to read the runes. One-fifth of pupils achieved A grades — almost 50 per cent above the overall average of 13.8 per cent — with 64.9 per cent getting C grades or better.

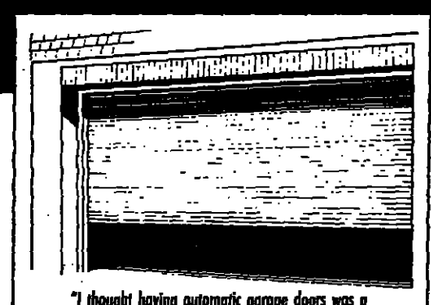
PROVISIONAL A-LEVEL RESULTS BY GRADE

Subject % of candidates gaining grade (1992 figures in brackets)

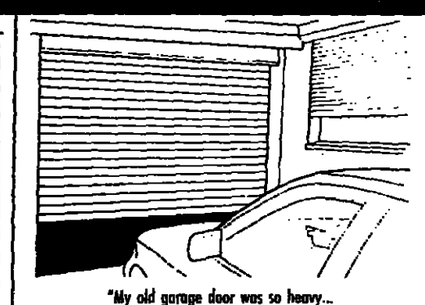
Subject	A	B	C	D	E	N	U	No sat	% of total
Art & Design	13.3 (12.9)	18.4 (18.0)	22.7 (22.1)	21.2 (20.6)	14.9 (14.7)	7.0 (8.0)	2.5 (3.7)	35,330 (34,147)	4.8 (4.7)
Biology	13.0 (12.4)	15.4 (15.2)	15.7 (16.5)	17.2 (17.4)	16.1 (16.1)	11.5 (11.2)	11.1 (11.2)	47,320 (48,742)	6.5 (6.7)
Business Studies	6.1 (5.7)	14.6 (13.7)	18.9 (18.2)	22.0 (21.9)	18.4 (17.8)	10.4 (11.7)	9.6 (11.0)	22,559 (19,179)	3.1 (2.6)
Chemistry	16.7 (16.1)	18.2 (18.3)	16.0 (16.2)	15.6 (15.8)	13.2 (14.0)	9.9 (9.6)	10.4 (10.0)	40,772 (42,697)	5.6 (5.8)
Classics[3]	20.0 (20.5)	22.9 (22.0)	22.0 (21.4)	15.9 (16.3)	9.8 (10.1)	4.9 (5.2)	4.5 (4.5)	8,199 (8,381)	1.1 (1.1)
Computing	9.4 (8.1)	13.1 (11.9)	16.6 (17.3)	20.0 (20.8)	18.5 (19.6)	12.4 (12.3)	10.0 (10.0)	9,695 (9,168)	1.3 (1.3)
Economics	11.8 (11.8)	14.6 (14.8)	15.2 (15.2)	17.3 (16.5)	16.3 (16.1)	11.9 (11.4)	12.9 (14.2)	36,217 (40,222)	5.0 (5.5)
English	12.9 (11.2)	18.0 (17.7)	20.2 (20.0)	21.0 (21.0)	15.3 (16.8)	7.6 (8.0)	5.0 (5.5)	88,739 (86,779)	12.1 (12.0)
French	18.5 (17.6)	17.3 (17.3)	19.4 (19.0)	18.6 (18.4)	13.7 (14.4)	7.6 (8.0)	4.9 (5.3)	29,837 (31,261)	4.1 (4.3)
General Studies	10.5 (10.2)	16.9 (16.8)	13.6 (13.2)	15.6 (15.6)	15.4 (15.9)	12.0 (12.5)	16.0 (15.8)	54,788 (53,724)	7.5 (7.3)
Geography	11.8 (11.7)	16.7 (16.7)	17.6 (18.2)	19.1 (19.6)	15.7 (15.4)	10.0 (9.5)	9.1 (8.9)	46,999 (45,653)	6.4 (6.2)
German	21.0 (20.1)	19.3 (18.7)	18.8 (18.6)	16.4 (16.6)	12.2 (12.7)	7.5 (8.3)	4.8 (5.0)	10,830 (11,338)	1.5 (1.6)
History	12.5 (11.6)	16.9 (17.2)	19.2 (19.1)	19.4 (19.2)	14.9 (15.1)	8.7 (9.0)	8.4 (8.8)	46,096 (46,698)	6.3 (6.4)
Home Economics	9.4 (8.5)	14.2 (14.6)	20.3 (19.1)	22.9 (20.6)	16.5 (18.2)	8.5 (9.0)	8.2 (10.0)	3,487 (3,503)	0.5 (0.5)
Mathematics	24.3 (20.1)	17.0 (14.6)	15.6 (14.2)	13.8 (14.0)	11.3 (13.0)	6.0 (10.0)	10.0 (14.1)	84,676 (72,384)	9.9 (9.9)
Music	16.2 (15.3)	16.8 (18.5)	22.2 (22.4)	19.3 (19.1)	14.0 (13.8)	6.7 (6.4)	4.8 (4.5)	5,486 (5,447)	0.8 (0.7)
Modern Languages[1]	22.1 (22.5)	24.5 (22.3)	19.0 (20.4)	14.1 (15.7)	9.9 (9.7)	5.6 (5.1)	4.8 (4.3)	4,462 (4,421)	0.6 (0.6)
Physics	16.7 (15.1)	16.0 (15.5)	16.2 (15.8)	16.9 (18.7)	14.3 (15.4)	10.3 (10.9)	9.6 (10.6)	37,349 (41,301)	5.1 (5.6)
Religious Studies	12.6 (12.7)	14.3 (15.4)	19.7 (17.7)	20.9 (16.7)	13.7 (14.9)	8.0 (9.4)	10.8 (13.2)	8,550 (7,561)	1.2 (1.0)
Science[2]	10.2 (10.1)	15.7 (15.8)	17.6 (17.4)	19.8 (19.2)	16.8 (16.8)	9.6 (10.6)	10.3 (10.3)	5,504 (6,000)	0.8 (0.8)
Social Sciences[3]	9.7 (8.1)	15.2 (14.9)	16.4 (16.6)	17.0 (17.7)	15.0 (15.9)	10.5 (10.6)	16.2 (16.2)	75,716 (70,393)	10.4 (9.6)
Spanish	21.0 (21.0)	19.9 (19.7)	18.8 (18.8)	16.9 (16.9)	11.7 (13.2)	6.6 (6.1)	5.1 (4.3)	4,845 (4,720)	0.7 (0.6)
Technology[2]	10.2 (10.7)	13.5 (13.1)	20.5 (19.5)	21.4 (20.4)	17.0 (16.7)	10.2 (10.1)	7.2 (9.5)	10,931 (9,227)	1.5 (1.3)
Welsh	13.2 (13.7)	23.6 (25.8)	28.9 (28.3)	24.0 (21.1)	9.6 (10.7)	2.0 (1.8)	0.7 (0.6)	810 (795)	0.1 (0.1)
Other Subjects	9.4 (7.2)	15.7 (15.5)	19.5 (18.5)	20.5 (20.9)	15.9 (16.9)	9.0 (10.1)	10.0 (10.9)	30,197 (27,499)	4.1 (3.8)
Total	13.8 (12.8)	16.7 (16.3)	17.6 (17.4)	18.0 (18.0)	14.8 (15.3)	9.4 (9.8)	9.7 (10.4)	72,8574 (731,240)	100 (100)

[1]Modern languages except French, German, Spanish and Welsh; [2]All science subjects except biology, chemistry and physics; [3]These titles cover a range of subjects

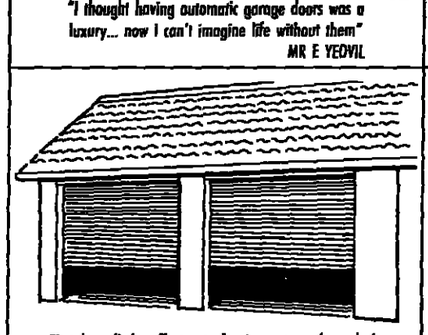
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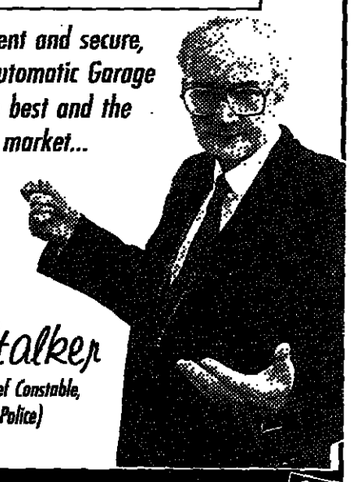


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Brigadier has the safety of 9,000 peacekeeping troops on his mind

Language of realism upsets the White House

BY MICHAEL EVANS, DEFENCE CORRESPONDENT

THE policy clash between the United Nations military commanders in Bosnia and President Clinton over air strikes is just the latest example of the frustration and anger that grips every senior army officer assigned to peacekeeping duties in the former Yugoslavia.

There has always been a difference in perception between commanders who have spent months engrossed in the evil politics of Bosnia, and Western leaders who for their own reasons of frustration or domestic pressure feel the need to initiate a new strategy to bring the war to an end or at least to punish the Serbs.

Brigadier Vere Hayes, the 46-year-old chief of staff at the UN protection force headquarters in Kiseljak, central Bosnia, who has criticised Mr Clinton for advocating air strikes, would not normally dare to speak out against British or American government policy as a senior British Army officer.

He is the product of a traditional army career: he has been an instructor at Sandhurst, has served as chief of staff at brigade and divisional level in Germany, and has completed all the officer courses for a top command appointment.

In Bosnia, however, Brig Hayes is a UN commander, responsible for the day-to-day running of a headquarters which has responsibility for the lives of more than 9,000 soldiers from at least a dozen countries. He has a different remit, different masters and a better perspective on the effectiveness of air strikes than all the president's men back in Washington. In spite of the plethora of UN security council resolutions, there are still only two missions that guide the daily activities of the Unprofor troops in Bosnia: to escort humanitarian aid supplies and to help in the peace process by their presence and by their negotiating skills on the ground.

When senior officers, like Brig Hayes and Lieutenant General Francis Briquemont, the new Belgian commander in charge of all Unprofor troops in Bosnia, arrive in theatre they quickly learn the language of their predecessors.

No commander serving in Bosnia has yet spoken out in favour of air strikes in the 16 months since the war began. They only have to look at the detailed maps in their offices and visit the thick woods around Sarajevo or on Mount Vlasic above Vitez in central Bosnia to know that air strikes could not be guaranteed to knock out all the Serb artillery and mortar positions. As responsible commanders, their first duty is also to their men and they have always warned that the Serbs would retaliate against Unprofor soldiers in the event of Western air strikes.

In the past few months, especially with the arrival of Mr Clinton in the White House, the level of frustration among commanders on the ground has increased as new policy initiatives have emerged from Washington. All the options which were once dismissed out of hand only a few months ago by the majority of Western governments, such as air strikes and lifting the arms ban on the Muslims, have been pushed to the forefront, largely because of Washington's arm-twisting.

Outsiders might describe Brig Hayes's outburst against air strikes as appeasement of the Serbs. But to those playing key roles in the politics of Bosnia, this is regarded as the language of realism.

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Mountain meeting: Brigadier Hayes and Lieutenant General Briquemont in consultation after a tour of Mount Igman yesterday

Generals who speak with both barrels

BY MICHAEL EVANS

UNITED Nations commanders in Bosnia-Herzegovina have had a habit of making controversial remarks. With the war attracting so much attention, senior officers have become household names.

Earlier this month, **Lieutenant General Francis Briquemont**, the Belgian commander of UN protection force in Bosnia, spoke against military intervention. "We are on a peacekeeping mission in a zone where there has never been peace. To make threats is easy but they are difficult to carry out. Those who want to carry out air strikes should come to Sarajevo and study the map with me," he said.

Major General Lewis MacKenzie, the Canadian who commanded the force for six months, said: "Even limited air strikes against Serbian gunners raining shells on Sarajevo would backfire. You could take out some gunners ... but when the planes left, what would happen to the UN peacekeepers?"

In one of many outspoken remarks, **Lieutenant Colonel Bob Stewart**, who commanded British forces in Bosnia until May, once turned to a Croat soldier who had threatened to seize a Warrior armoured vehicle and said: "If you take one of my Warriors, I'll bloody well kill you."

General Philippe Morillon, the French officer who was succeeded by General Briquemont, once declared: "I have been betrayed." His remark followed heavy shelling of Sarajevo by the Serbs after he had negotiated a promise from their commander to stop the artillery attacks.

Clinton finds a vigorous defender in his UN envoy

FROM IAN BRODIE IN WASHINGTON

MADELEINE Albright says she is no pushover. On the contrary, America's ambassador to the United Nations says she can be "pretty tough" despite seeming relaxed and jovial on chat shows.

She is also highly informed and articulate and clearly has the full confidence of President Clinton, whom she vigorously defended in responding to criticisms by Brigadier Vere Hayes of Britain, chief of staff for the UN forces in Bosnia. Ms Albright, 55, is divorced with three daughters, including twins, one of whom has just made her a grandmother.

Ms Albright laments that she was preoccupied with a UN Security Council emergency during the weekend she had set aside for a family reunion shortly before the baby arrived. By coincidence she had just been given an award as an outstanding mother of the year.

Her ambitions for high office were apparent from her work as a senior foreign policy adviser in the past three Democratic presidential campaigns. Her hopes were delayed by the defeats of Walter Mondale in 1984 and Michael Dukakis in 1988 but after Mr Clinton's win she was thought certain to be national security adviser. Instead, the president surprised Washington by putting her in his cabinet and sending her to the UN.

Ms Albright and the president share a link in the school for foreign service at Georgetown University in Washington: he earned his bachelor of science degree there and she later became a professor of international affairs as well as leader of the Centre for National Policy, a Democratic think tank. She and Mr Clinton think alike on America's role in the world after the Cold War, agreeing that the US, while showing leadership, should not be the lone global police force. Instead, they believe, America must work in concert with other nations at the UN. This strategy, criticised by Republicans as a retreat into isolationism, was reflected in yesterday's news that the Clinton administration may shift away from long-standing tradition and allow American troops to serve as UN peacekeepers under foreign commanders.



Albright: her looks belie her toughness

Ms Albright was born in Czechoslovakia. She fled the Communist takeover in 1948 with her father, a Czech diplomat who became a professor in Denver, Colorado. She became a specialist on the Soviet Union and Eastern Europe and earned her doctorate 20 years ago while commuting between Washington and New York's Columbia University. She later worked for the National Security Council under Jimmy Carter.

Ms Albright movingly expressed how it felt for a naturalised American to reach the summit of power at the White House ceremony confirming her appointment, saying: "As a result of the generous spirit of the American people, our family had the privilege of growing up as free Americans. You can therefore understand how proud I will be to sit at the UN behind the nameplate that says 'United States of America'."

Revulsion prompts Geneva meeting

BY MICHAEL BINYON
DIPLOMATIC EDITOR

PROMPTED by increasing world revulsion at "ethnic cleansing", civilian massacres, mass rape and the brutality of the war in Bosnia, the Swiss government has called an international conference to reaffirm the signatories' commitment to the Geneva conventions and look at ways of enforcing them.

More than 180 nations have been invited to the three-day conference in Geneva, many of them guilty of the worst breaches of the conventions, including Iraq, Angola, Somalia, Sudan, Burma and Afghanistan. The Bosnian and Croatian governments have promised to attend, but attempts to include Serbia have raised diplomatic hackles. Belgrade has been excluded from all United Nations and other international organisations and a proposal to include the Serbs as observers may be vigorously opposed by Germany and several other EC members.

The conference, beginning on August 30, is the most important review since the second world war of the international conventions, some of them more than 100 years old, which bind combatants in war and civil war to certain codes of behaviour. The International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC), the main force behind the conventions, says the conventions are being increasingly flouted — especially in Bosnia — and governments, especially in the Third World, appear unable or unwilling to enforce humanitarian principles on their military forces.

Switzerland, the repository of the Geneva conventions, issued invitations only last month, hoping that the short notice would prevent wrangling over those attending and boycotts. Britain supports the review, and will send a team headed by the senior Foreign Office lawyer.

With an eye on the political wrangling and North-South divide at the recent Vienna conference on human rights, one immediate challenge to the organisers is to prevent the meeting degenerating into name calling. ICRC officials said it would be impossible not to mention the terrible things that have happened in Bosnia, Angola or Kuwait, but speakers would not be allowed to make political accusations. The Red Cross is operating at present in at least 80 countries where it says abuses of the Geneva conventions are reported.

The conference may be mired in arguments over how to define the rules of modern warfare, and how offenders against the conventions should be punished.

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Inflation rising by the hour

FROM REUTER IN BELGRADE

THE rump Yugoslavia will put prices of staple products under direct government control and declare war on speculators to help prop up an economy left prostrate by international sanctions, officials said yesterday.

The new measures, to be implemented jointly by the federal government and the rump federation's constituent republics of Serbia and Montenegro, seek to bring crippling four-digit monthly inflation rates down to 50 per cent, Radoje Kontic, the Yugoslav prime minister, said.

"If this is not done, it will be impossible to avoid an economic collapse," he said, adding that the 430 per cent price jump that shocked Yugoslavia in July was expected to reach "several thousand" per cent in August.

Inflation, which has soared to 1 per cent per hour as the government keeps printing money to finance its deficits, is expected to top one billion per cent this year, impoverishing most Yugoslavs and stripping the dinar currency of practically all of its value. A simple meal can cost more than a billion dinars, forcing people to carry huge wads of cash until the government can produce notes of ever-larger denominations.

Other priorities include slowing down drops in industrial output and living standards, triggered by more than a year of tough economic sanctions imposed on Yugoslavia to punish it for fomenting Bosnia's ethnic war. Mr Kontic said he would step up efforts to fight speculators and profiteers.

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Factions in Bosnia agree to give UN control of Sarajevo

BY EVE-ANN PRENTICE
ADAM LEBOR
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■ Under the Geneva plan, a demilitarised Sarajevo will come under the authority of the United Nations for the next two years

DETAILS of a plan to put Sarajevo under United Nations control have been agreed by all sides at the Geneva peace talks, it was announced last night. However, there was no immediate confirmation of a deal from President Izetbegovic of Bosnia.

Mr Izetbegovic and Mate Boban, the Bosnian Croat leader, earlier threatened to walk out of the negotiations if fighting continued between Muslims and Croats in southern and central Bosnia.

The agreement on Sarajevo was announced as it emerged that some Serb troops remained on Mount Igman.

John Mills, spokesman for the peace negotiators, Lord Owen and Thorvald Stoltenberg, said the agreement was reached after four and a half hours of "exhaustive" discussions on a draft plan for the city presented by the mediators on Tuesday.

Under the deal, the UN mandate in Sarajevo would last up to two years, diplomats said in Geneva. The city would not belong to any of the three ethnic republics being discussed. The Bosnian capital will be a demilitarised city governed by a UN administrator, who will be helped by a mixed advisory body consisting of Muslims, Serbs and Croats.

"We all have agreed on the proposal by the mediators to put Sarajevo under the UN administration for two years," said Radovan Karadzic, the Bosnian Serb leader.

The talks concentrated on the demarcation lines of the ten municipalities, five Muslim, four Serb and one Croat. Nikola Koljevic, deputy leader of the Bosnian Serb delegation, said that an agreement on Sarajevo could herald an end to the war.

He said that the ten municipalities under the UN peace plan for Sarajevo would be based on the ethnic position in January 1, 1991, before the outbreak of the war, but would include changes since then, based along lines of conflict and population distribution. There would be a facility for referendums should people in a municipality wish to change its government.

Mr Izetbegovic earlier called for UN monitors and Red Cross investigators to be sent to the town of Mostar. He described his talks with Mr Boban as "a heated meeting" in which he accused the Croats of atrocities and "horrendous" ethnic cleansing campaigns against Muslims in Mostar. "If Boban thinks he can attack us in Mostar while we are negotiating here, he is dead wrong," Mr Izetbegovic said.

Mr Boban counter-charged that Muslims had killed 43 Croats in the central Bosnian town of Kiseljak on Tuesday. "The Muslim delegation's relentless accusations about alleged atrocities in Mostar are ill-timed half-truths and wholly unnecessary," Mr Boban said in a statement after the talks. The UN estimated that 33 soldiers were killed on both sides on Tuesday in the Croat-Muslim fighting in Mostar.

The Croats, who want Mostar to be the capital of a Bosnian Croat state, are accused of evicting thousands of Muslim civilians from their homes and holding at least 2,200 in makeshift prisons.

It was unclear yesterday what effect the presence of Serb "stragglers" on Mount Igman had on the proclaimed Sarajevo deal. Commander Barry Frewer, the United Nations spokesman, said that the UN knew of the movements of the Serb forces. The UN has checkpoints at all key road junctions on the peak. "We have an eye on them," he said, though he could not give even a rough estimate of how many troops had not yet withdrawn or of the numbers that had left in recent days.

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Injured boy prays others will be saved



Scared but alive: Edhem Dedovic, 11, a mortar attack victim and one of the seven children airlifted from Sarajevo to Britain for treatment, being comforted by his mother, Alija, at University College Hospital, London. He will be told today that he has lost his left eye from shrapnel that severely damaged his face and shattered part of his skull (Louise Hidalgo writes). Smiling, Edhem said he wished all the children of Sarajevo could be brought to Britain for help.

Doctors showed pictures of Edhem's skull, using a three-dimensional computer scan, which traced the path of the low-velocity shrapnel that tore through his right cheek (entering at point 1), crushed his nose, dislodged a piece of bone (2) which caused the damage to his eye and then exited (3) near his left temple. An operation to reconstruct Edhem's face will be carried out in two weeks' time and surgeons said they also hoped to fit him with a false eye. Edhem has also lost the use of the little finger on his right hand and has injuries to his arm and legs.

Meanwhile yesterday, the father of a baby who was flown by the United Nations from Sarajevo to Italy to donate bone marrow to his seven-month-old son, critically ill with leukaemia, was reported to have gone missing in Trieste. Marko Princip, 34, was flown to Italy on Tuesday after tests showed he was the only compatible donor. After being told the operation had been postponed, he told doctors he would return in a week. He has not been in touch since.

In London, Great Ormond Street Hospital said the condition of Belma Salaka, three, had improved enough for her to be moved to the neurological ward, where she will continue to be treated for meningitis. Irma Hadzimuratovic, five, who is also suffering from meningitis, was still critical but stable. Eldar Kalamujic, nine months, who has a liver disease and blood infection, was in a stable condition at King's College Hospital yesterday.

Colourful cast of rogues turns war to its own profit

EYEWITNESS SARAJEVO



By Richard Beeston

No city under siege or occupation appears quite complete without the colourful cast of rogues who appear to thrive even in the worst periods of war; men like the portly M Ferrari, Sydney Greenstreet's memorable self-declared "master of everything illegal" in Casablanca in the film of the same name, or Harry Lime, Orson Welles's acclaimed blackmarketeer in the Vienna of *The Third Man*.

After more than a year and a half of bombardment and siege, Sarajevo is no exception. While most of the 380,000 inhabitants are without water, electricity or fuel to run their cars, a small, privileged and thoroughly disreputable collection of soldiers, dropouts and businessmen has probably never had it so good. Among them is tall, well built Alemko, 30. Before the war he was a modest shopkeeper in Sarajevo, indistinguishable from the other merchants and café owners who made up the Bosnian capital's bourgeoisie.

Today, however, as the unchallenged king of the underworld, in control of a complex network of smuggling, bribery and corruption. He is probably one of the most powerful men in the entire city and is never seen without sunglasses, gold jewellery and an expensive suit.

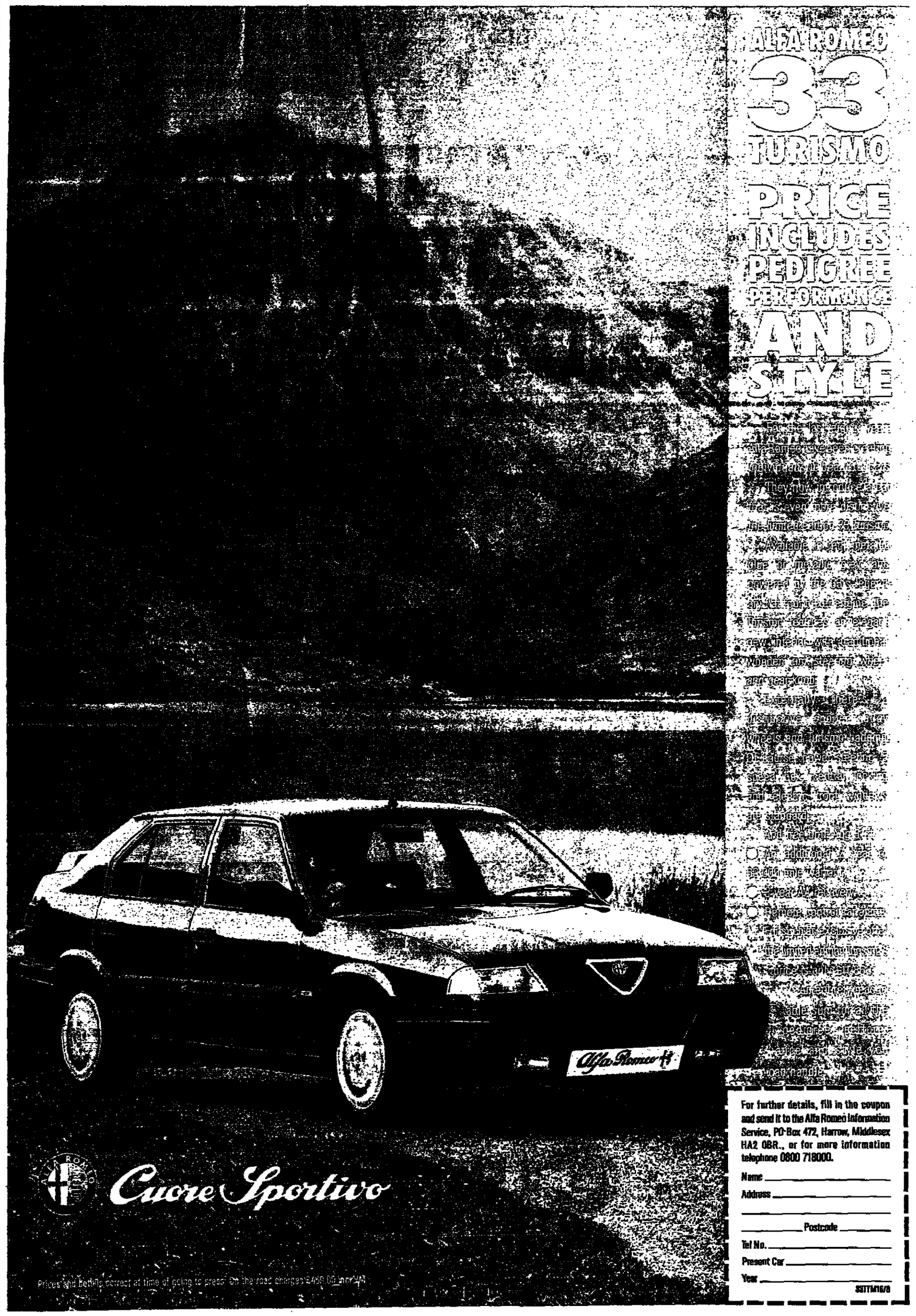
When his brand-new Mercedes car drives down Sarajevo's main Marshal Tito Street he receives no disapproving looks from the citizens: instead he commands the awe-struck respect of a people who have been reduced to carrying water by hand to their homes or rummaging through rubbish for scraps of food. The secret of his success lies somewhere beneath the city, where he is reputed to be hoarding tons of food and luxury goods which he is selling gradually to the desperate population at exorbitant prices — £50 for a bottle of whisky, for example.

While Alemko's legendary Aladdin's cave explains his wealth, success or failure in business for the other petty profiteers usually rests on access to the United Nations forces in Sarajevo, whose supplies of fuel, food and basic commodities are evident all over the capital. Yesterday, for instance, two Ukrainian soldiers serving in the UN protection force were said to have been held by the police after they were found selling a lorry-load of cigarettes. These they had bought for less than £1 a pack and were reselling them for five times that.

The desperate need for the most basic items has also led to a thriving prostitution business, some of it carried out in Sarajevo's Skanderia district by girls who would not look out of place in any Western red-light district, but also, more tragically, by young amateurs desperate for food. "I saw a French army vehicle pull up outside my home the other day and two young girls from my neighbourhood got inside and stayed there with the soldiers for about an hour," Emira said. "They did it for just a few cans of food. I suppose it is normal in war."

Although both the UN and the Bosnian government claim they have gone to great lengths to stamp out the organised crime syndicates, officials admit privately that there is little that can be done while the siege lasts.

Sarajevo's godfathers not only control the supply of food and fuel in the city, they are also responsible for the disappearance of tons of international relief and the allocation of flats, the last usually having been abandoned by their previous Serb occupants. "When I arrived here as a refugee at the beginning of the war and found a flat to live in, the gangsters told me I had to pay them for it," one Muslim said. "I had to warn them I had a gun and would fight for my home before they left me alone. The police would never do anything against them, they are too powerful, and the last thing the authorities want is a second war inside the city."



Egyptian interior minister survives bomb attack

BY MICHAEL BINYON, DIPLOMATIC EDITOR

MILITANTS yesterday tried to assassinate the Egyptian interior minister, seriously injuring him and killing at least four aides and bodyguards. The bomb attack is the most serious since Islamic extremists began a campaign of violence last year, mostly targeting Western tourists, to overthrow the Mubarak government.

Hassan al-Alfi was taken to a police hospital in central Cairo after being ambushed in a back street outside his office. His condition was said to be "reassuring" after emergency operations. He suffered *wounds to his neck and arms* caused by ball-bearings packed in the bomb.

The militants exploded the bomb by remote control, forcing his and his bodyguards' cars to stop. Despite earlier reports, apparently no guns were fired. A police outrider was killed instantly. Wreckage of the vehicle and broken glass littered the street, and trails of blood smeared the pavement. No one has claimed responsibility.

Mr al-Alfi, 57, later appeared on television after recovering consciousness from the emergency operation. He had only returned recently to Cairo from a gall bladder operation in London. Speaking from his hospital bed, in bandages and plaster, he said: "What was it for? What religion or value system is based on attempting to kill innocent people?"

He added: "The public must *move. Those people* (the attackers) should get what they deserve ... God willing, we shall keep the peace of Egypt and the security of Egypt. This should be a sign to the whole world that the terrorists are butchers with no religion."



Al-Alfi: spoke on TV from his hospital bed

At the time of the attack, President Mubarak was in Tripoli holding talks in an attempt to persuade Colonel Gaddafi, the Libyan leader, to hand over the two men Britain and America want to try for the Lockerbie bombing. Mr Mubarak rushed back to Cairo to visit Mr al-Alfi, who was appointed only in April and under whose ministry the campaign against the militants has been intensified.

The attack came after a wave of arrests and the hanging of 15 Islamic militants convicted of terrorism. On Sunday the trial began of 53 militants belonging to the "New Jihad", the revival of the group that assassinated President Sadat. Ten days ago gunmen shot dead the deputy police chief of the southern province of Qena, and last month four people were killed when a general's car was ambushed in retaliation for the hanging of five militants who had bombed tourist sites.

The cycle of terrorism and violent repression has seen the death of 175 people and 300 injured in the past 18 months. It has devastated the Egyptian tourist industry. Dozens of tourists have been injured in bomb attacks on tour buses, especially in Upper Egypt. On Monday 44 British tourists came under fire as they cruised down the Nile. A bomb explosion near the Pyramids in June killed two Egyptians and injured 22 people, including five Britons.

Western governments have warned tourists that they might be targets and the number visiting Egypt has dropped by more than half, causing economic hardship.

Western governments are extremely gloomy about the future for Egypt, a prime target for fundamentalists who want to turn the most populous Arab country into a theocratic state and cut its close relations with America and the West. President Mubarak has blamed Iran and Sudan for financing and sheltering the militants.



Police anger: security men dispersing onlookers yesterday near the American University in Cairo after the bomb attack on the interior minister

NEWS IN BRIEF

Publisher buys Powell memoirs for $6.5m

New York: General Colin Powell, who retires as chairman of the US Joint Chiefs of Staff at the end of next month, has agreed to sell his memoirs for a reported $6.5 million (£4.35 million) to the publishers, Random House (Ben Macintyre writes).

His advance is worth $1.5 million more than the deal struck by retired General Norman Schwarzkopf, the allied commander of the Gulf war, *for his autobiography.* General Powell, 56, born in Harlem of Jamaican immigrant parents, is the first black man to lead the US military. His reminiscences are expected to cover his childhood through to his appointment as chairman in 1989 and his leadership during the invasion of Panama and the Gulf war.

"Powell's unusual journey to high office is an inspiration to millions," said Harold Evans, president of Random House and a former editor of *The Times* and *The Sunday Times*. The general is expected to employ a writer to help him with his book, expected to be published in 1995.

Truce agreed

Stepanakert: Azerbaijani officials and Armenian separatists in Nagorno-Karabakh have agreed a new ceasefire, the local parliament announced here, the enclave's capital. A long-term accord will be discussed during the truce. *(AFP)*

Rebels attacked

Phnom Penh: Cambodian coalition government forces attacked Khmer Rouge bases at Phum Chhat, Kouk Krabas and another near Ampil, a United Nations spokesman said. They were seen as a way to put negotiating pressure on the guerrillas. *(Reuter)*

Waste dumped

Peking: Scientists secretly and illegally dumped 60 tonnes of low-level nuclear waste down a mine in northern Hebei province in 1978, an official confirmed. The revelation coincided with China's first public rules on managing nuclear accidents. *(Reuter)*

Hoxha 'right'

Rome: Nexhmije Hoxha, 73, widow of Albania's Stalinist dictator Enver Hoxha, said from her Tirana cell, where she is being held on coruption charges, that the war in former Yugoslavia proved her husband had been right to try to erase religion. *(Reuter)*

Playing at war

Seoul: American and South Korean forces deployed only miles from North Korea have begun the world's largest computer-simulated war games to rehearse the defence of Seoul, the US military said. The games involve 12,000 personnel. *(AP)*

Demjanjuk departure is delayed

FROM REUTER IN JERUSALEM

ISRAEL'S supreme court yesterday blocked the departure of John Demjanjuk, cleared last month of being the Nazi guard "Ivan the Terrible", at least until Friday to give Nazi hunters more time to seek a new trial on other war crime charges. But Baruch Marzel, a leader of the ultra-nationalist Kach movement, said Jews would kill Mr Demjanjuk if the court freed him.

Justice Meir Shamgar agreed to hear on Friday a request by Nazi hunters and Holocaust survivors for a five-judge panel to consider, 15 days later, their demands that Mr Demjanjuk face fresh charges of allegedly being a Sobibor death camp guard. Earlier a three-judge supreme court panel rejected their pleas and ordered the release of Mr Demjanjuk, 73.

Mr Marzel told Israel Radio: "We will make justice. Demjanjuk one day will be killed by good Jews and not by corrupt Jews like we have in the high court. He will be dead in a short period — if not in Israel, somewhere else — but he will be dead." Mr Demjanjuk, who settled in the US after the war, denies being a guard at any Nazi camp.

US adds Sudan to terrorism list

FROM SAM KILEY IN NAIROBI

AMERICA yesterday officially notified the Sudanese government that the country had been listed as a supporter of international terrorism, which puts a ban on all trade and makes Sudan ineligible for US aid other than humanitarian. Khartoum immediately denied the charge.

The move against Sudan comes after the American media named Ahmed Muhammad, third secretary at the Sudanese mission to the United Nations in New York, and Siraj Yousif, the mission's press counsellor, as alleged accomplices in a plot to blow up the UN building, FBI offices and other targets.

However, no specific evidence of Sudan's alleged involvement with terrorist groups was presented to Khartoum. An American diplomat in Nairobi said this was "deliberate, for obvious security reasons". But other sources said Sudan had close relationships with, among others, the Abu Nidal organisation, the radical Palestinian group, Hezbollah, the Muslim fundamentalist group operating in Lebanon, and Hamas, the violent Palestinian organisation. Sudan was accused by US officials not of financing terrorist groups but of providing them with a haven and training facilities.

More significantly, there has been a series of allegations by Western aid agencies and others, including the Egyptian government, that Iranian Revolutionary Guards have been training the Sudanese armed forces and intelligence services. Security sources in Mogadishu, the Somali capital, also said that they suspected Sudan of shipping 30 tons of weapons to Mohammed Farrah Aidid, the fugitive war lord, last year.

☐ Khartoum: At the end of an appeal in Sudan's high court, six former rebels were acquitted of waging war against the state, the Suna news agency reported. They had faced execution or long jail terms. *(AFP)*

Muhammad: said to be involved in plot

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Washington accused of rigging 'Star Wars' test results

BY IAN BRODIE IN WASHINGTON AND MICHAEL EVANS

■ The alleged duplicity over SDI not only misled Soviet politicians. There are claims that Congress was duped, too

A "STAR Wars" test that seemed to go amazingly well, with one American missile hitting another over the Pacific, was rigged, according to charges levelled in Washington yesterday.

The alleged deception, and masses of other faked data, helped to persuade the Soviet Union to spend tens of billions of dollars trying to counter Ronald Reagan's dream of a shield against nuclear attack in space. However, the alleged lies and half-truths reportedly also misled members of Congress and convinced them to approve more money for "Star Wars", officially known as the Strategic Defence Initiative.

The allegations were made yesterday by four unnamed Reagan officials who spoke to *The New York Times*. They said a radio beacon was put on the target missile and a receiver was installed on the interceptor on the same frequency.

As one scientist put it, the target missile in effect said to the second missile: "Here I am, come and get me."

The accusations were dismissed yesterday by General Eugene Fox, who was in charge of the defence test in 1984 when he was deputy commander of the US Army Strategic Defence Command centre in Huntsville, Alabama. The experiment involved a "homing overlay" weapon system, a hit-to-kill interceptor which had an umbrella-shaped device that sprung out as it approached the target. The intention was to increase the surface area of the interceptor by five times.

General Fox is now a partner in General Technology Systems, a company associated with the defence programmes. His partner is Stanley Orman, who was a former head of the "Star Wars" participation office at the defence ministry in London. Dr Orman said yesterday: "I have spoken to General Fox and he told me that there was no question of rigging the results of the test in 1984. The experiment was a success with a direct hit by the interceptor."

In the test a Minuteman missile was launched from Vanderburgh air base and the interceptor was fired from Kwajalein, one of the largest of the Marshall Islands in the Pacific. As it was one of the early tests of the "homing overlay" concept, a transponder was fitted to the missile.

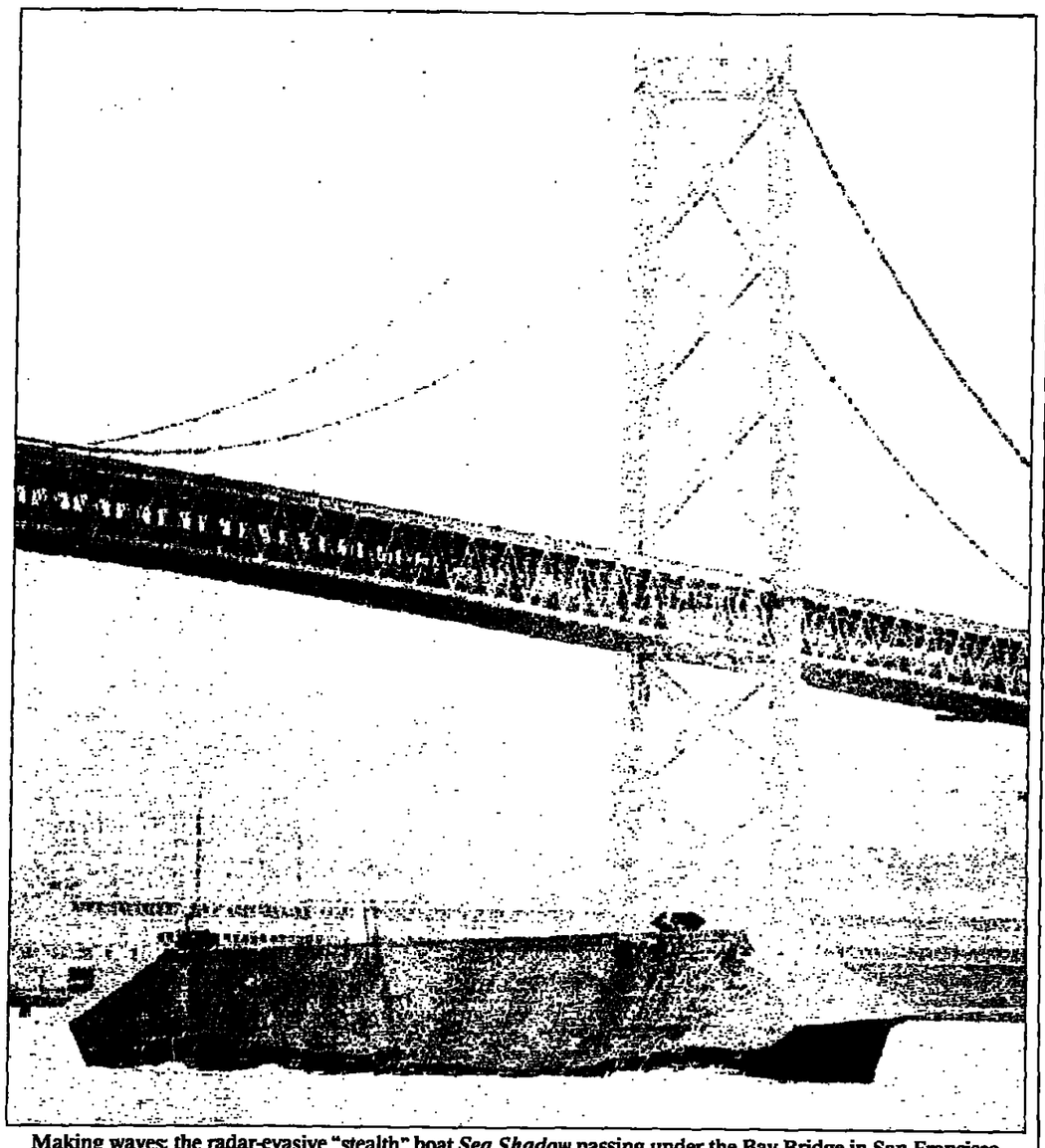
"They're claiming that's cheating but that's what happens in all early trials," Dr Orman said. "In the final systems trial, when you have all the appropriate radar as well, then you don't have the transponder."

The former Reagan officials claimed the deception was aimed at the Kremlin but overstepped its boundaries and was used improperly to cheat Congress. Caspar Weinberger, who was Mr Reagan's defence secretary, denied misleading Congress, but he acknowledged that deceiving one's enemies was a natural and necessary component to any major military initiative.

Senator David Pryor, a persistent critic of the missile defence programme, has asked the government's comptroller-general to investigate allegations that there was a well-planned strategy to dupe Congress. The senator said he had received remarkably similar accounts of the fraud from several sources.

Soviet leaders were concerned that superior American technology would nullify their strategic missile force and leave them open to attack and they complained that Washington was breaking the terms of the Anti-Ballistic Missile Treaty. Soviet fears were compounded at the Reykjavik summit in 1986 when Mr Reagan refused to give up "Star Wars" even when Mikhail Gorbachev proposed scrapping nuclear weapons.

Yet "Star Wars" never lived up to its billing. American scientists were unable to devise even the computer programming needed for missiles to hunt down and destroy Soviet missiles after they had been launched. The project was cut back and finally discarded last May by the Clinton administration.



Making waves: the radar-evasive "stealth" boat *Sea Shadow* passing under the Bay Bridge in San Francisco Bay while undergoing a week of tests of the newly built vessel's advanced handling capabilities

Top US officials 'spied for KGB'

FROM WOLFGANG MÜNCHAU IN WASHINGTON

THE FBI is investigating a claim by a former KGB spy that several hundred Americans provided information to former Soviet intelligence services. The allegations, which point to the latest espionage fall-out from the Cold war, are contained in a new book on the FBI: *The FBI: Inside the World's Most Powerful Law Enforcement Agency*, by Ronald Kessler, a former reporter for *The Washington Post*.

The author claims that the latest series of spy investigations was "one of the most secret in the history of the FBI. It has the potential to be a major scandal because they're finding out a lot of high-ranking or former high-ranking government officials were spying for the KGB."

In his book, which Kessler is thought to have written with the co-operation of sources inside the FBI, he quotes a former KGB employee as saying that "the KGB had had many hundreds of Americans and possibly more than a thousand spying for them in recent years".

Kessler writes furthermore that the account of the employee was so specific that "the FBI was quickly able to establish the source's credibility". The bureau, he wrote, had already "confronted some of the alleged spies, including military men who had top secret information and officials of other government agencies". One American military employee, stationed in Germany, has confessed to being a KGB informant after he was confronted by the FBI.

The FBI felt compelled to issue a statement saying: "Based on information that continues to be received in the aftermath of the Cold War, the FBI, pursuant to its foreign counter-intelligence responsibilities, has opened a number of cases related to the activities of the former KGB and its successor agency. The process of thoroughly analysing and evaluation that kind of information continues."

In a revealing section on the internal politics of the FBI, Kessler provides details of how Judge William Sessions, the former FBI chief, abused the privileges of his office that led to his dismissal by President Clinton last month.

Kessler also claims that the FBI misled the public during the siege of the Branch Davidian complex in Waco, Texas, by claiming that a mass suicide was unlikely. Kessler writes that an FBI agent had written a memorandum during the siege, which said: "The Davidians would indeed commit suicide if the FBI confronted them."

Kevorkian faces trial over suicide

FROM BEN MACINTYRE IN NEW YORK

JACK Kevorkian, the retired American pathologist who has helped 17 people to commit suicide in the past three years, has long demanded to be put on trial for his beliefs. Now his wish has been granted.

Charges were filed against the doctor on Tuesday in connection with the death of a terminally ill man in Detroit two weeks ago. Michigan passed a law in February banning doctor-assisted suicide, which is being challenged in the state court of appeals. Dr Kevorkian was released on $100,000 (£67,000) bail and a preliminary hearing was set for August 25. If convicted, the doctor faces up to four years in prison.

Dr Kevorkian, whose history of euthanasia has earned him the sobriquet "Dr Death", virtually ensured legal action against him when he held a press conference on August 5 and described how on the previous day he had helped Thomas Hyde, 30, who had Lou Gehrig's disease, to kill himself by inhaling carbon monoxide in the back of Dr Kevorkian's van.

Dr Kevorkian, whose medical licence was suspended in November 1991, has welcomed a "show trial" which, he says, will force Americans to consult their consciences on the issue of physician-assisted suicide. "I will continue helping suffering patients no matter what," Dr Kevorkian said after the charges were filed. "It isn't Kevorkian on trial ... it's your civilisation and society." Geoffrey Fieger, his lawyer, said Dr Kevorkian believes it is "his duty" to violate an immoral law that requires people to suffer.

"I cannot tolerate Dr Kevorkian's disregard for the law," said John O'Hair, the Wayne County prosecutor, defending his decision to press charges. "When you think of Mr Thomas Hyde ... it's hard to charcterise that as dying with dignity," the prosecutor added.

The authorities also believe a trial may finally resolve the ethical debate surrounding assisted suicide. On three previous occasions the authorities have tried to prosecute Dr Kevorkian, but each time charges were dropped. If convicted, Dr Kevorkian is likely to appeal to the Supreme Court to gain the definitive ruling.

Judge lets girl sever ties with parents

FROM REUTER IN SARASOTA

A FLORIDA judge, marking a victory for children's rights, yesterday ruled that a teenager who was given to the wrong couple at birth can sever ties with her biological parents.

Judge Stephen Dakan issued a 15-page decision that found Kimberly Mays' parents, Ernest and Regina Twiggs, did not have any right to reclaim their 14-year-old daughter. He ruled that Robert Mays, with whom the girl has lived all her life, was her legal father and had full custody of Kimberly. Judge Dakan said that granting visitation rights to the Twiggs would be detrimental to the girl. The decision cuts all ties between the girl and her biological parents.

"The evidence is clear that Robert Mays is her psychological parent," the judge wrote. "Forced visitation is likely to produce mental, physical or emotional harm of a lasting nature to her. The effect of this judgment is that the plaintiffs have no legal interest in, or right to Kimberly Mays; that Robert Mays' legal status as the father of Kimberly Mays remains unchanged."

The Twiggs were not immediately available for comment but previously said they would appeal against an adverse ruling.

The court further ruled that Mr Mays could proceed with his petition to legally adopt Kimberly. The soft-spoken teenager, who resembles her real mother, spent her first nine years with Mr Mays and his late wife unaware that Mr and Mrs Twiggs existed. During testimony, Kimberly made clear that she wanted nothing to do with her biological parents.

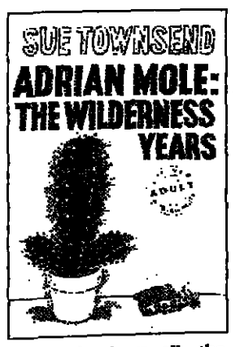
The ruling was the latest in a series of cases in which biological parents and adoptive parents have sparred over a child. Earlier this month, a Michigan court upheld the right of actual parents to reclaim a 2½-year-old girl and remove her from her adoptive parents' home. Kimberly Mays was represented by the same lawyer, who last year won a court-ordered "divorce" for Gregory K., a Florida boy aged 12, who has since been adopted by another couple.

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Rutskoi is corrupt, commission says

FROM ANATOL LIEVEN AND ANNE MCELVOY IN MOSCOW

A RUSSIAN government commission has accused Aleksandr Rutskoi, the vice-president, of corruption, in the latest move by President Yeltsin's supporters against the conservative opposition.

Mr Rutskoi, a leader of the anti-Yeltsin forces, has, in turn, accused leading government aides of the same crime.

Yuri Kalmykov, the justice minister, said yesterday that the inter-departmental commission formed to fight corruption had discovered a Swiss bank account "to which the vice-president has links", and that Russian companies have been transferring state money to the account.

He said that the commission has requested the constitutional court to look into Mr Rutskoi's actions. Ruslan Khasbulatov, the Speaker of parliament and leading Yeltsin opponent, predictably retorted that the commission had no legal authority.

The commission also asked parliament to dismiss Valentin Stepankorv, the prosecutor-general, claiming that he had failed in the struggle against crime. In a charge, sensational even by Russian standards, Andrei Makarov, a commission member, claimed to have a tape recording of a conversation in which Mr Stepankorv had discussed his assassination.

Since March Mr Stepankorv has come out in open opposition to Mr Yeltsin. His department has repeatedly accused Yeltsin supporters of corruption, and earlier this month, launched investigations into Vladimir Shumeiko, the vice-prime minister, and Mikhail Poltoranin, Mr Yeltsin's aide.

Mr Rutskoi has alleged that he has "17 suitcases" proving corruption in the highest ranks of the Yeltsin administration, and the armed forces. He has not released anything for public consumption, any more than the Yeltsin side has released the "proof" of its accusations against him.

As the executive and legislative arms of government wrangle over power, the country's mood on the eve of the second anniversary of the failed Soviet coup is sombre. A Russia-wide poll this week



Rutskoi: said to have Swiss bank account

shows that two-thirds of the respondents feel that their lives would have been unchanged or have changed for the better if the coup had succeeded.

The anniversary has become the latest pawn in the power game between liberals and hardliners. Both the democratic forces and the hardline opposition intend to mark the anniversary with demonstrations outside the White House tomorrow, and have asked for permission to march at the same time of day.

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Mole bares his soul to his shrink

CONTINUING SUE TOWNSEND'S COMIC TALE

Adrian Mole, still spurned by the beautiful Pandora, has devised a list of tortures for her latest lover. When Pandora finds out, she insists he seeks help. He is obviously not rational

Friday, January 11th
Pandora has made an appointment for me to see her friend Leonora De Witt, who is a psychotherapist. I agreed reluctantly. On the one hand, I am terrified of my unconscious and what it will reveal about me. On the other, I am looking forward to talking about myself non-stop for an hour without interruption, hesitation or repetition.

Thursday, January 31st
I arrived late at Ms De Witt's consulting room on Thames Street. She was not pleased. "I'll have to charge you for the full hour, Mr Mole," she said, seating herself in an armchair which was covered in old bits of carpet.

When I was seated, I said, "I was under the impression that our sessions were to be under the auspices of the National Health Service."

"Then you were gravely mistaken," said Ms De Witt. "I charge thirty pounds an hour — under the auspices of the private enterprise system."

Thirty pounds an hour!

"How do you feel at the moment?" she asked.

"Apart from a slight headache, I feel fine," I replied.

"What are you doing with your hands?" she said quietly.

"Wringing them," I replied.

"What is that on your brow?"

"Sweat," I answered, taking out my handkerchief.

"Are your buttocks clenched, Mr Mole?" she pressed.

"I suppose they are," I said.

"Now answer my first question again, please. How do you feel at this moment?"

Her large brown eyes locked into mine. I couldn't avert my gaze.

"I feel totally miserable," I said. "And I lied about the headache."

Apart from Pandora, she is probably the loveliest woman I have ever spoken to. I found it hard to take my eyes off her black-stockinged feet, in their black suede shoes with high heels. Was she wearing tights or stockings?

"So, Mr Mole, do you think we can work together?" she said.

She looked at her watch and stood up. Her hair looked like a midnight river pouring down her back. I eagerly affirmed that I would like to see her once a week. Then I gave her thirty pounds and left.

Wednesday, February 6th
I told Leonora De Witt my family history tonight. It's a tragic story of rejection and alienation, but Leonora simply sat and picked balls of fluff from her sweater, which drew my attention to the shape of her comely breasts. It was obvious that she was not wearing a bra. I wanted to leave my chair and sink my head into her bosom. I went into some detail about my parents' deviant behaviour, but the only time she showed obvious interest was when I mentioned my dead grandfather, Albert Mole, whom I have to thank for my middle name.

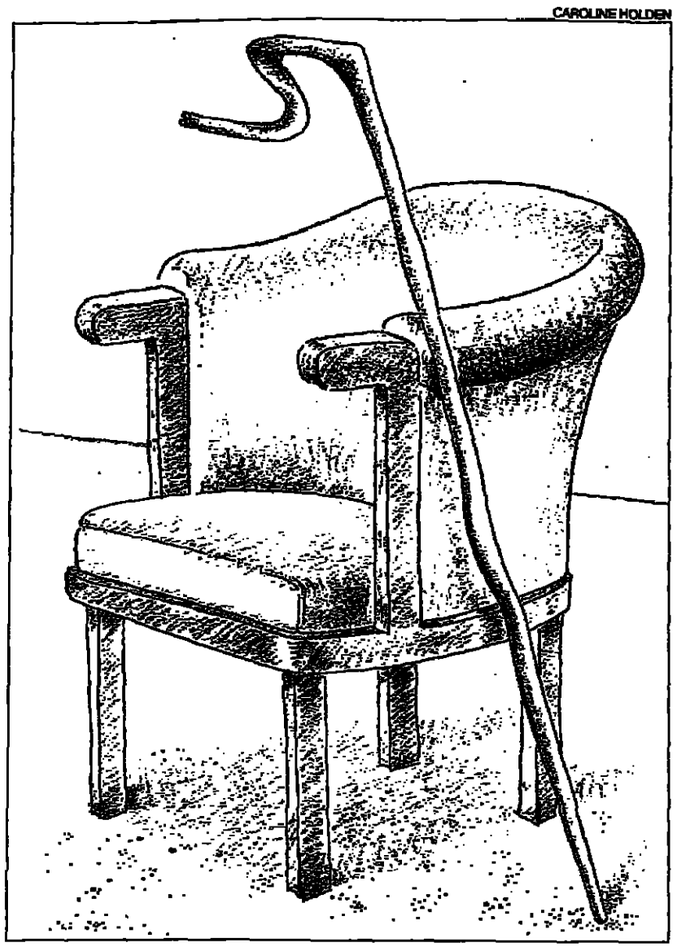
"Did you see his dead body?" she asked.

"No," I replied. "The Co-op undertaker had screwed the coffin lid down and nobody could find the screwdriver at Grandma's house."

Friday, February 15th
Leonora had her hair pinned up today: she was wearing silver earrings so long that they brushed her slim shoulders.

She was wearing a scooped neck black top. A bra strap was visible. Black lace. She occasionally pushed it back inside her top. Every time she did so her sparkling bracelet fell down her arms. I am not in love with Leonora De Witt. But I am obsessed with her. She invades my dreams. She made me talk to an empty chair and pretend that it was my mother. I told the chair that it drank too much and wore its skirts too short.

CAROLINE HOLDEN



Thursday, February 21st
This time Leonora invited me to imagine that the chair was my father. She gave me an African stick and I beat the chair until I lay limp and exhausted and physically unable to lift the stick again.

"He's not a bad bloke, my dad," I said. "I don't know why I went so berserk."

Leonora said, "Don't talk to me, talk to him. Talk to the chair. The chair is your father."

I felt stupid addressing the empty chair again, but I wanted to please Leonora, so I said, "I remember when I was three. You came into the bedroom, yanked my dummy out of my mouth and said, 'Real boys don't need a dummy'."

I then grabbed the stick from where it was lying on the floor and once again began to beat the chair. Dust flew.

Leonora said, "Good, good. How do you *feel*?"

I said, "I feel terrible. I've wrenched my shoulder beating that chair."

"No, no," she said, irritably, "How do you feel *inside*?"

I cottoned on.

"Oh, at peace with myself," I lied. I got up, gave my therapeutic dominatrix the thirty quid and left. I needed to buy some Nurofen before the late-night chemist closed. I was in agony with my shoulder.

Friday, July 19th
A letter from Faber and Faber:
Dear Mr Mole,
I am afraid that I am returning your manuscript, *Lo! The Flat Hills of My Homeland*.
It is a most amusing parody of the English *naif* school of fiction.
However, we do not have a place for such a book on our list at the moment.
Yours sincerely,
Matthew Evans

After reading the letter six times, I tore it in pieces. Mr Evans will be sorry one day. When my work is being auctioned in hotel rooms, I will instruct my agent to disqualify Mr Evans from the bidding.

There was no reason to get up, so I stayed in bed all day, wondering if there was any point in going on.

Thursday, July 25th
5.15pm I have just phoned Leonora and insisted that she gives me an emergency appointment. She agreed reluctantly.
9.30pm At 6.30pm precisely, I knocked on her door and she shouted, "Come". She was in a bad mood and so I tried to make conversation.

At that moment, a tall, dark man wearing a suede shirt came in. He looked surprised to see me.

"Sorry, darling, I can't find the small grater, for the parmesan."

"Second drawer down, darling, next to the Aga," she said, looking up at him in rapt adoration.

"Terribly sorry," he said.

When he'd gone out, I stood up and said, "How dare your husband interrupt my consultation with his petty domestic enquiries?"

Leonora said, "My husband didn't know you were here. I squeezed you in, if you remember." Her tone was carefully measured, but I noticed that a vein was pulsating on the side of her temple and that she was wringing her hands.

"You should learn to express your anger, Leonora. It's no good for you to bottle it up," I said.

She then said, "Mr Mole, you are not making progress with me. I suggest you try another analyst."

"But I am in love. With you," I said.

Leonora sighed very deeply. Her breasts rose and fell under her embroidered sweater.

"That is why I think that seeing another therapist would be a good idea."

I didn't wait to hear any more. I left her room and put three ten pound notes on the hall table, next to the laughing Buddha and walked out into the street.

I felt angry, so I decided to express my anger and I kicked an empty diet coke can all the way home.

When I got to the attic, I laid out all my job-searching clothes ready for the morning. Then I lay on my bed with the *Oxford Mail* and ringed all the likely looking jobs in the situations vacant columns.

There was nothing that required one A level in English.

TOMORROW: Mole's lust for the lovely Bianca

● Adrian Mole: The Wilderness Years *will be published by Methuen London on August 31 (£8.99).*

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Thirty years on, the first woman in space remains an enigma, reports **Nigel Hawkes**



Into orbit: Valentina Tereshkova on the space flight that put her into the record books. Her image was carefully created by Mother Russia and she has never allowed anything to dent it

Who is the real Valentina?

Valentina Tereshkova, the first woman in space, has always been an enigma. It is thirty years since she made her flight — still the only solo *space flight by a woman — yet* we know little about her beyond the carefully-cultivated image.

This week, Tereshkova has been in Britain, as guest of honour at the Edinburgh Book Fair. Her visit coincides with the publication of a book which raises the curtain on her life, if only by the merest twitch.

Seekers after scandal or insight into the Soviet space programme will be disappointed. Tereshkova's observations would scarcely cause a flutter in the breast of even the most orthodox defenders of old-style Soviet propaganda. Her views are as immaculate as her perm.

Did she have an affair with Yuri Gagarin? Lord, no. What about the rumours that Gagarin's death was not the simple accident the authorities have always claimed? Not true. Tereshkova's own failed marriage to cosmonaut Andrian Nikolayev is dismissed in two sentences: "I do not find it easy to speak about that period of my life. It is too sensitive."

Discretion is an admirable human quality, but it does not make for arresting reading. Yet behind it all there is undoubtedly a woman of character. When taxed with her description as "the Greta Garbo of space" she reacts sharply: "Garbo was a very beautiful woman and a wonderful actor. I am one of the admirers of her talent, but it is ridiculous to compare me to her." Quite so.

The book originates from an unusual and rather touching friendship between Tereshkova and a writer who describes herself obscurely on the dust jacket as A. Lothian. In real life this is Lady Lothian, wife of the Marquess of Lothian, who has promoted women's causes in an unmilitant fashion for nearly 40 years. She is patron of the National Council of Women, and in 1955 founded the Women of the Year lunch.

It was here, in 1984, that she met Tereshkova and became a friend. There followed trips to Moscow, and finally a series of seven interviews that make up the second half of the book. Her relationship with Tereshkova is that of a disciple, and some of the questions are toe-curling. "Do you love babies?" she asks. Unfortunately, Tereshkova does.

She also loves dogs — she is pictured with a favourite pug — and has more than a soft spot for the way things used to be in the Soviet Union. "I am concerned by the tendency to denigrate much of what happened then . . . our society was betrayed at higher levels by crimes and corruption, but at the grass roots our people lived by good human values."

Tereshkova's descriptions of her training and space flight, the first time she has spoken of these, provide the greatest interest. Such was the secrecy that she was not even allowed to tell her mother what she was doing. Pretending to be on a parachuting course, she wrote ten letters saying how well everything was going, and got a friend to post them, one a day.

One was delayed, and arrived on the day of the flight. When friends told her mother that they had seen pictures of a woman in space and that she looked like Tereshkova, her mother replied that such a thing was impossible — that very morning she had received a letter from her daughter saying that she was on the last stage of parachute training.

The morning of the flight started with what Tereshkova describes as "a cleansing enema". After that, the actual flight must have seemed pretty agreeable. In contrast to reports of Gagarin's flight, from which it is clear that the entire operation was controlled from the ground with no initiative left to the cosmonaut, Tereshkova asserts she was in control throughout.

She is indignant at the suggestion that her flight was for propaganda purposes only. That was a lie, she says, as were suggestions that she had returned from space very ill, or the even more ingenious lie that she had never been into space at all but that it had all been "done by mirrors". The closest she will come to admitting to any problems at all is to say: "Sometimes negative attitudes were expressed, but not only within the women's group. It takes all sorts to make the world."

There must be another side to the Soviet space programme. Indeed, Tereshkova hints at it by disclosing that Gagarin, before his death in 1968, was planning to write a book about "the way it really was". Today, with the ending of Soviet secrecy, it ought to be possible to get a more human, rounded and three-dimensional account of those years.

But it may be pointless to look to the cosmonauts themselves. Chosen for reliability and soundness in a crisis, they are disinclined to the literary life or to the revealing anecdotes that bring the history to life. The Soviet space programme lacks a Tom Wolfe.

Until it finds one, we shall have to make do with official histories and Novosti-style interviews. One retreats from this biography with the feeling that the first woman in space is more automaton than human being — which was certainly not the purpose intended.

Valentina, First Woman in Space, *is published by Pentland Press at £17.50 (3 Regal Lane, Soham, Ely, Cambridgeshire CB7 5BA, include £2.75 P&P)*

Nigel's short sharp shock to the system

Raymond Keene considers the impact of a chess genius

NIGEL Short has placed Britain firmly in the centre of the world's chessboard. He is the intellectual equivalent of Nigel Mansell, an individualistic hero who blazes forth against mediocrity. He has cut a swathe through the world's leading chess grandmasters to challenge the greatest grandmaster of them all, Garry Kasparov.

From 1948 until recent times, with a brief interregnum represented by Bobby Fischer, chess was very much the preserve of eastern Europeans, especially the Russians. Chessplayers from East Germany, Czechoslovakia, Poland and the Soviet Union were accorded all the ranks and privileges of honoured state sportsmen. With the collapse of communism, all this changed, and the eastern European grandmasters are now looking to the West for sustenance.

Against this background Nigel Short has made it to the top using entirely his own intellectual capital and personal resources. As one might expect from a fully signed-up and true blue member of the Tory party, he is a firm believer in the virtues of private enterprise and initiative, both on and off the chessboard.

One has to go back 150 years to find another British player who could lay claim to being the world champion. In 1843 in Paris, Howard Staunton, the polymath and Shakespearean scholar, challenged the French champion Saint Amant in Paris. Hitherto, the French had been the dominant nation at chess. Staunton changed all that at a stroke. He annihilated the French champion and returned to London in triumph.

In 1851, Staunton decided to organise the first international chess tournament, to coincide with the Great Exhibition at Crystal Palace in London. Staunton disappointed himself and his admirers by coming in a mere fourth, but he had set the tone for the regularisation of the rules and for the nature of all future chess competitions. Simultaneously with the tournament another event of great moment occurred — Anderssen's "Immortal Game" against Kieseritzky, played at Simpson's-in-the-Strand, which had become the mecca for world chess.

Over the next few decades the main European champions were drawn to London as the chess capital of the world. Then, for much of the 20th century, the story of British chess was one of sad decline as tournaments faded away.

In the mid-1970s things began to look up. The Spassky-Fischer match of 1972 gave an immense impetus to young British players, proving that the game was not the sole preserve of bespectacled Soviet professors.

The chess olympics of 1984, 1986 and 1988 yielded a sequence of three team silver medals for England. Short led the team for the first time in the last of these and has emerged, from a kind of Darwinian process of intellectual selection, as the greatest player this country has ever known.

Following in his wake come a whole host of younger British players who view him as an icon. Next in line is 21-year-old Michael Adams, the brilliant young grandmaster from Truro, in Cornwall. Last year Adams swept the board in European events. Harriet Hunt, 15, from Oxford, carries the torch for female players in this country.

EVEN younger, but a potential world champion, is nine-year-old Luke McShane, the reigning world champion in the under-ten category. I have examined Luke's games and they are brilliant. They are full of sacrifices and a constant search for the initiative, very much in the mould of the young Bobby Fischer or of the youthful Kasparov himself.

When I recall the fog of ignorance and confusion in which I personally thrashed around on the chessboard at the age of nine, I find Luke's achievements miraculous. If Short does not topple Kasparov in September and October of this year in *The Times* championship at the Savoy Theatre, then Britain certainly has plenty of reserves lined up.

THE TIMES WORLD CHESS CHAMPIONSHIP

● The Times World Chess Championship, between Garry Kasparov and Nigel Short, begins at the Savoy Theatre, London, on September 7. Tickets are available from First Call (071-497 9977).

How diabetics can maintain their sex lives, juices and tooth decay, and a £6m cholesterol drug trial

Impotence and diabetes



MEDICAL BRIEFING

Dr Thomas Stuttaford

DIABETIC patients are usually well informed and keen to discuss with their doctors the condition's well-known complications: whether the more acute ones such as those brought on by hypo or hyperglycaemia, or those which have taken years to become manifest. Even while they have the eyesight of a hawk, and the limbs of a mountaineer, they talk, for instance, about diabetic retinopathy and peripheral gangrene. Just as common, probably much more, than either eye disease or damage to the arteries of the leg, is impotence, which affects a third of all male diabetics, but patients rarely even mention this to their doctors.

Last month, the *British Medical Journal*, had an editorial on male sexuality and included a section on the horrors of impotence. Dr Christopher Bignell, consultant in genito-urinary medicine in Nottingham, summed it up when he wrote: "Self-esteem plummets, self-anger and self-recrimination rage. Intimacy becomes a time of acute anxiety to be avoided. Embarrassment and poor communication still generally preclude early discussion of the difficulty."

Dr Bignell's remarks were addressed to men, whatever their diabetic state, but a fortnight later the BMJ returned to the theme. On this occasion it led on the problems of impotence in diabetics. Although Dr David E. Price of the Morriston Hospital in Swansea reviewed the incidence of impotence in diabetics and its care, many of his observations would apply equally well to those who are impotent from other causes.

Impotence in diabetics has a physical cause, it is progressive and usually irreversible; but if it cannot be cured it can usually be so well treated that the patient may continue to have a sex life.

The first step in the diabetic's treatment is to reassure him that his impotence is not psychological but is predominantly a result of damage to the nerve supply to his penis by the diabetes and, to a lesser extent, a consequence of obstruction to its arterial blood supply. That diabetes damages the blood supply to the feet, kidneys, eyes and heart is universally acknowledged, but it is less usually accepted that the penile arteries are not immune to its ill effects.

Dr Price recommends three principal ways of treatment. One is the insertion of a prosthesis which provides for the penis to be perpetually rigid enough for penetration, but not so rigid that it cannot be kept unobtrusively in order behind tight underpants. Dr Price says that as a prosthesis is expensive, and as surgery is needed, it is unusual for the NHS to provide it.

Those either unable or unwilling to try a prosthesis can choose between learning the technique of papaverine injections which, self-administered, provide a strong erection in most diabetic patients. Or patients may prefer to use a suction pump and a ring. Adverse reactions, particularly bruising, after using the pump are common but, even so, many patients prefer it to the injections.

Diabetics are not protected from other causes of middle-age impotence, in particular the prescription of betablockers or diuretics, to treat co-existent hypertension. They may also be suffering from testicular failure or high levels of prolactine. But they can be reassured that research has shown that psychological causes of the problem are rare in diabetics.



Drink up?: juice can cause decay

The acid test

ASK any mother whether a glass of cola or a glass of pure orange juice is more likely to damage their children's teeth and it would be a brave woman who opted for the cola.

The magazine *General Practitioner* reports recent research by Dr Trevor Grenby, reader in nutrition in relation to dentistry at Guy's Hospital, London, which has shown that, although there is a prejudice against fizzy sweet drinks of the cola variety, they are of low acidity, whereas fruit juices, although seemingly health-giving, and natural products, are of high acidity and are equally sugar-laden.

It is a combination of acidity and sugar which damages the tooth enamel and leads to dental decay.

The sugar in fruit, as slimmers have found out, is very little different in its metabolic effects to that found in neatly wrapped cubes or sweet drinks.

Although Dr Grenby says he would prefer children to drink sugar-free or reduced-sugar fizzy drinks to fruit juice, it could be that his speciality has inevitably influenced the strength of his opinion.

Cola-based drinks may be less damaging to the teeth but they do include other ingredients and do not contain the antioxidant vitamins C and beta-carotene, so important for other aspects of health.

Perhaps children need fruit juices, but they also need to clean their teeth regularly with modern toothpaste.

Heart trial

IT HAD been feared that the government would veto a trial to study the effect on the number of heart disease cases of the very expensive cholesterol-lowering drugs of the simvastatin group. So many people have raised cholesterol that if these drugs were shown to be effective in cutting the disease risk, the cost to the NHS could be enormous.

The magazine *Doctor* reports that the trial has finally been sanctioned and has been given a £6 million grant by the Medical Research Council. The council and the British Heart Foundation are to act as co-sponsor and the study will be organised by the Oxford University clinical trials service.

Twenty thousand people will be recruited by the research workers who will also investigate the possible beneficial role of the antioxidant vitamins, C, E and betacarotene. The research may well show that orange-juice drinkers compensate for decayed teeth in childhood by having squeaky clean coronary arteries in adult life.

Is this a racist diagnosis?

Schizophrenia among Afro-Caribbeans is a major public health problem. **Simon Wesseley** examines its causes



West Indians arriving in the 1950s may have been especially vulnerable to flu virus

Last week the department of health announced it was setting up a special unit to monitor the health needs of ethnic minorities. Specific diseases to be addressed included sickle cell anaemia, hypertension, and diabetes. But top of the list was schizophrenia.

For some years psychiatrists have noted that patients of Afro-Caribbean origin are particularly likely to be admitted to psychiatric units with a diagnosis of schizophrenia. They are also particularly at risk of being admitted to locked wards or secure units under the terms of the Mental Health Act. Many doctors felt this was probably an artefact of the different ways various agencies, including doctors and the police, responded to patients who were both black and mentally ill, rather than a reflection of any real difference in predisposition to schizophrenia.

However, this view looks increasingly untenable. Several studies, starting with a careful investigation carried out by Dr Glyn Harrison in Nottingham, have suggested that the true rate of schizophrenia in those of Afro-Caribbean origin is substantially increased compared to other ethnic groups. Furthermore, this increase is strongest in those born in this country — the second generation.

The first question posed by the critics of these studies, and there were many such critics, is how reliable are the figures? In order to calculate the true rate of schizophrenia one must link the number of cases with the total number of Afro-Caribbeans in the community. However, the UK census data used to be colour blind — recording place of birth and not ethnicity. Hence it was argued that the figures of schizophrenia only seemed high because the researchers had underestimated the number of black people in this country. But although the figures were questionable, it was never likely that this would explain the size of the increase in schizophrenia, and with the publication of the 1991 Census, which recorded ethnicity as well as place of birth, this explanation has been discounted.

Critics also suggested that the figures were due to misdiagnosis — psychiatrists wrongly labelling Afro-Caribbeans as schizophrenic. However, no evidence has been put forward to confirm this. It now seems likely that the excess of schizophrenia in Afro-Caribbean is genuine. What are the possible explanations? The main obstacle to answering the question is that the cause of schizophrenia itself is unknown. However, certain factors are known to increase the risk of illness — are they the cause of this epidemic?

First, genetics. It is beyond dispute that there is a substantial genetic contribution to schizophrenia, but this is unlikely to explain the Afro-Caribbean excess. Although the data is not a precise as one would like, there is no evidence that the rates of schizophrenia in the Caribbean are anything like as high as those found in this country. Since the greatest risk is found in second generation Afro-Caribbeans, genetic explanations are untenable.

The second explanation is related to brain development. There is evidence relating adult schizophrenia to events in early childhood, or even when the foetus is still in utero. Researchers led by Robin Murray at the Institute of Psychiatry have used data from England and Wales to show that mothers whose pregnancy took place during the 1957 "Asian flu" epidemic had children who, many years later, were more likely to develop schizophrenia. This is confirmed by a new Scottish study. Afro-Caribbean women, newly arrived in this country, are believed to have been more vulnerable to influenza because of lack of immunity back in their home islands. Nevertheless, problems still exist with this theory. Not everyone has found such a clear relationship between maternal influenza and later schizophrenia. The link itself seems to be far stronger for female children than male, and probably accounts for no more than 10 per cent of all schizophrenia cases in later life.

The third possibility relates to drug use. There is increasing evidence from Sweden that cannabis misuse is associated with later schizophrenia. In this country those most at risk of schizophrenia, young black men, are also great users of cannabis. However, if this were the sole explanation, then one would expect equally high rates of schizophrenia in Caribbean islands such as Jamaica, which has not been found.

The final possibility relates to social factors. The onset of schizophrenia is linked to the experience of social adversity, both acute and chronic. About the one fact that everyone agrees upon in this sensitive areas is that Afro-Caribbeans experience more than their fair share of poverty, unemployment, poor housing, living in the inner city, family breakdown and racism. All may act to trigger schizophrenia in the predisposed individual. The only way to determine if this is true is to look at the rates of schizophrenia in Afro-Caribbeans not subjected to such social disadvantages. The tragedy is that as yet there simply is not a large enough black middle and upper class to permit such investigations.

There are two possible approaches to the problem. The first is to deny its existence — to blame it on inadequate statistics or racist psychiatrists. The second is to acknowledge that schizophrenia among Afro-Caribbean is a major public health problem. This is the view now taken by the Department of Health.

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Forgotten skills of the surgery

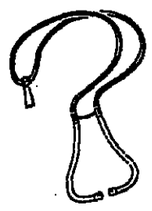
Doctors are losing their ability to make a traditional diagnosis

In September 1947 a young American collapsed while staying at Claridge's and the hotel doctor, Manny Herbert, was summoned from Harley Street. His patient was pale and gaunt, with a low blood pressure. Dr Herbert also noted the faint suggestion of a dark pigmentation around the lips and inside the mouth, leaving him in little doubt he was dealing with an acute Addisonian crisis due to insufficiency of the vital steroid-producing adrenal glands.

If not treated promptly, the condition can be fatal. It later transpired that the patient — the young John F. Kennedy — had previously been extensively investigated for similar episodes at the Mayo Clinic in America without any cause being found. JFK was so impressed by Dr Herbert's clinical acumen he was later to make him unofficial medical adviser to his administration.

Even at that time, the skills exercised by Dr Herbert in reaching a diagnosis simply by physical examination were in decline. Three years later Dr Paul Wood, in his classic book *Diseases of the Heart and Circulation*, warned: "We are in danger of losing our clinical heritage in placing too much faith in figures thrown up by machines."

His fears appeared to be fulfilled in a study conducted in 1959 which showed that only 50 per cent of a group of young doctors were able to interpret the characteristic sounds of diseased heart valves through a stethoscope (asuscultation). By last year, when Dr Salvatore Mangioni of the Medical College of Pennsylvania tested the proficiency of 203 doctors in the same task, fewer than one in five could given an accurate diagnosis.



Modern medical technology is the villain. There seems little point in paying much attention to the pulse, when an electrocardiogram would graphically display its rate and rhythm. Or to determine the size of the heart when a chest X-ray will reveal all. The stethoscope has been a largely decorative instrument, a comfort for the doctors because it affirms their authority and for their patients who often feel relief as soon as it is applied to the chest.

Neurology, since the introduction of high-resolution brain scanners, has also fallen a victim of this trend, according to Dr Maurice Pappworth, who before retiring was widely recognised as one of Britain's great diagnosticians. While on a lecture tour in America, Dr Pappworth was asked for his opinion on a mystery patient with weakness of the limbs for which — despite a two-month stay in hospital — no cause had been found. "I was shocked to see the size of his medical records, which ran over to over 150 pages," Dr Pappworth recounts. "He seemed to have had every investigation under the sun, often more than once — muscle biopsies, CT scans, cerebral angiograms — but the only abnormal physical sign that had been recorded was an upgoing plantar (when the sole of the foot is stroked, the big toe moves upwards — a characteristic sign of a lesion in the brain).

Dr Pappworth duly asked the neurologist to demonstrate this physical sign but when he tried to do so, the toe went down. "It was all rather embarrassing." Dr Pappworth says. "The patient's neurological examination was clearly completely normal and his weakness was psychological."

Dr Patrick Reade, a Sussex GP, had the opposite experience when referring a patient for a consultant's opinion because of subtle signs of weakness in the right hand. "Either the neurologist did not read my letter or he did not examine the patient properly. He just said he could find nothing wrong but would organise a non-urgent brain scan anyway. When done, a few months later, the scan showed a large brain tumour."

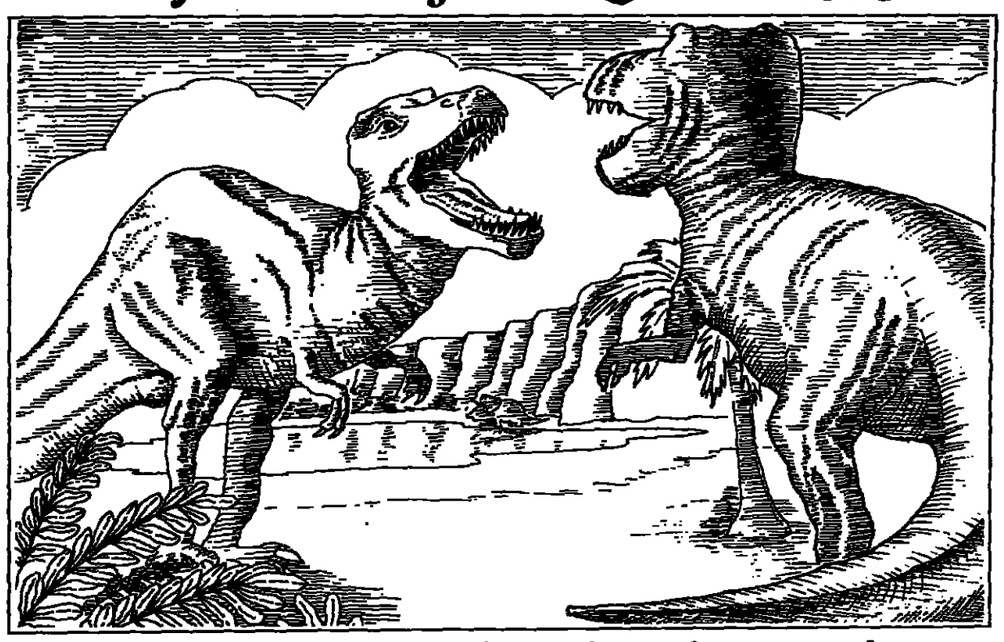
Despite the evident dangers of excessive reliance on medical investigations, the problem can be easily exaggerated. Certainly they may be done inappropriately, but at the same time they are indispensable to modern medical practice. It would not be possible to perform by-pass grafts of narrowed coronary arteries if they could not first be clearly seen on a coronary angiogram.

All studies have consistently shown that a proper history of physical examination should give a definitive diagnosis (or exclude physical illness) in nearly 90 per cent of patients seen in general practice, and in 75 per cent of those referred to hospital out-patients' departments.

Significantly, the journal of the American Medical Association has just launched a new series of articles, "The Rational Clinical Examination", so that its readers can learn once again the elementary principles of the essential arts of diagnosis — "observation, palpation, percussion and auscultation".

DR JAMES LE FANU

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Immigration remains a national prerogative, says **Bernard Jenkin**

Bordering on a new federalism

Accounts of the emerging go-as-you-please, frontier-free Community as envisaged by Euro-integrationalists are alarming. Casual drug trafficking through the Channel tunnel, as on the Amsterdam-Paris train, will be but one problem. Britain's strict immigration controls will become dependent upon the controls of the weakest member state. Once you have landed in Sicily, you will be able to enter the UK unchecked. Many Community internal land frontiers are impractical to monitor effectively. Many already use identity cards to combat illegal immigration. Britain has maintained better race relations without them and the right to check passports on entry is an invaluable weapon against the IRA, particularly now that they are active in Belgium and elsewhere on the Continent.

The Treaty of Rome, as amended by the Single European Act, seeks "an area without internal frontiers in which the free movement of goods, persons, services and captial is ensured". Britain welcomes free movement, but maintains that it should not mean the end of all checks, as the European Commission insists.

Lady Thatcher says she would not have signed the Sinlge European Act if there had not been a declaration attached to it which reads: "Nothing in these provisions shall affect the right of member states to take such measures as they consider necessary for the purpose of controlling immigration from third countries and to combat terrorism, crime, the traffic in drugs . . ."

Such a declaration has no formal legal force, but it did not seem unreasonable to expect one on such a vital issue to be respected. But the Commission, "as guardian of the Treaty", has declared it will use "all the legal and political means at its disposal" to ensure that its view prevails.

For the Euro-integrationalists, this is a credibility test. More than almost anything else, abolition of frontiers would make the EC feel like a United States of Europe. Many of the power-starved MEPs are obsessed with this issue. They regard the frontier checks they regularly suffer as vestiges of the outdated nation states. The European Parliament has voted to prosecute the Commission for failing to remove all border controls.

What then has stalled the Commission? Even the countries that signed the 1985 Schengen Agreement on free movement across borders have failed to remove their border controls on time. Our ministers are encouraged by the conflict between France's overt enthusiasm for the agreement and Edouard Balladur's determination to tighten immigration restrictions. Even the *Commission has enough political nous to avoid* antagonising every member state on the same issue at the same time, but EC institutions never lose their powers. They can afford to wait.

In time, a ruling from the European Court of Justice is inevitable. Moreover, Maastricht *makes us all "citizens" of the new "Union".* This hardly strengthens the British case.

Britain is taking a soft line. The government insists that a passport or identity check on EC nationals remains necessary to ensure that the controls on non-EC nationals are not evaded, but in response to the Commission, Ken Clarke negotiated a compromise, known as the "Bangemann wave" or "blue wave". Under this, EC nationals would simply hold up their closed passports or identity card on entering Britain. There would be closer scrutiny only if the document was suspected to be a forgery or the holder was suspected of being an imposter.

But acceptance of the "blue wave" could be construed as an admission that we no longer have the right to check every passport properly, making it difficult for Britain to restore a more rigorous system of checks in the future. The European Court would be unlikely to support us in any action if the principle of the Commission's case had already been so clearly conceded.

The government hopes that Community plans to remove all internal frontiers will continue to be swamped by reality, but in the event of an action against Britain in the European Court, it must assert its rights and demonstrate that if the Commission's interpretation of the Treaty of Rome were to be imposed, the Community would be thrown into crisis. There would then be some hope that the court might at least stall.

It would be comforting to know, for example, that Conservative candidates at the forthcoming elections to the European Parliament will make maintenance of effective border controls a major plank in their manifesto, though of course that would immediately put them at odds with their "allies" in the European People's Party.

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Closed book of knowledge

Over-educating a nation is impossible, argues **Janet Daley**, and even those who drop out of university feel some benefit

There were half a dozen 18-year-olds sleeping on my living room floor last night. Or rather, not sleeping. My daughter and her friends decided that instead of lying awake staring at the ceilings of their own bedrooms, they would spend the eve of their A-level results in communal vigil. By the time you read this, they will probably know whether their agony is over or just beginning. Whatever its academic virtues, this is a brutal system. At least the group awaiting their fate at my house have had optimum conditions — not just an estimable school, but stable homes and two years of study which, by good fortune, have not been disrupted by family crisis or ill-health.

My adolescence was very different. When I was 16, my mother fell fatally ill. So my last year of school was interrupted for long stretches by the need to stay at home looking after her on my own. In this country, as well as being half-orphaned at the age of 17, I would have found my chance of a university education devastated. But I happened to be in a part of America that made generous provision for second chances and late-starters. My patchy school record would not allow an immediate application to the most prestigious institutions in California — Berkeley and Stanford — so I enrolled at a smaller state college instead. After two years of academic success there, I was able to transfer to Berkeley and complete my philosophy degree in a further two years.

In British terms, this would be rather like a school-leaver going to a polytechnic for a year or two and then switching to Oxford: a notion which is inconceivable on both practical and philosophical grounds. For the stages of British schooling are not intended to enable, but to eliminate: are not so much stepping stones as sieves. This is not, I hasten to point out, necessarily a bad thing. I am simply drawing attention to a quite different way of looking at things.

The American attitude to higher education is based on the premise that everyone who might benefit from it should be given a chance to do so, even if they do not persevere to the end. Here, the fact that many students are dropping out of college courses without finishing their degrees is thought to be a scandal, a sign that they were badly chosen in the first place. The idea that some exposure to academic life — which is to say, a familiarity with serious books and abstract ideas — may genuinely improve the quality of many people's lives does not come into consideration.

The only thing that counts is the waste of resources. For people to start courses and not finish them means that the chance of getting a qualification has been thrown away and the state's money has been squandered. Not even California — which is considered by Europeans to be the home of maniacal materialism — takes such a calculatedly pecuniary view of the value of academic study. The heavily subsidised state colleges and universities of America open their doors to virtually all who meet their initial standards, and those who sink in the first year or two are thought to be better off for what contact they have had with the life of the mind.

What this amounts to in ordinary encounters is that the plumber who comes to your house to mend the boiler is likely to have done a couple of years at university. Which doesn't make him a full-blown intellectual, or even necessarily a better plumber, but it does mean that he has a nodding acquaintance with higher literacy. And what that means is that there is not the grotesque gulf between him and his more educated employers which is one of the uglier aspects of British life. (I am still shocked by just how many English people find the idea of social equality with their plumber inherently ludicrous.)

> England may never get as close to a democratic idea of education as Scotland, let alone America

Why then, you may ask, if general standards of literacy are higher there, are the American media so much less intelligent than ours? Because our media are run by an educated élite for their own kind. Again, not a bad thing in itself, but one that makes the media a very bad indicator of levels of learning in the wider society. American media are hopelessly crass, because, for commercial safety, they consistently *underestimate* public intelligence.

This approach does mean that the already large state universities must grow willy-nilly, to accommodate all those they are obliged to accept. (Incurable Americophobes who feel that nothing of use could possibly be learned from barbarians might note that France also allows open entry to university for all who meet the basic entry requirement.) First-year studies at American state universities (as in France) consist largely of attendance at huge lectures. Face-to-face teaching comes from senior post-graduate students, who are employed as *teaching assistants and are thereby* helped to keep body and soul together while completing their doctorates.

But by the third and fourth years, classes in most subjects are drastically reduced in size, and personal teaching by faculty becomes more usual, although it almost never achieves the privileged intensity of the British tutorial system.

This brings me to the official excuse for not making higher education more widely accessible (the unofficial one being that too much learning is bad for riff-raff): that it is immensely expensive. The main source of expense is thought to be the maintenance grant system which involves governments in supporting all students who qualify for a place. This undertaking (unique in the Western world) was devised originally to counter working-class resistance to education. Since the children of the privileged were supported by their parents while they studied for the degrees which would allow them to remain privileged, the state simply took upon itself the role of surrogate parent. Instead of adapting *the institutions to a more egalitarian* age, all students, whatever their backgrounds would be enabled to partake of their quasi-aristocratic lifestyle — including, at the ancient universities, being waited upon by personal servants.

But it is not only the provision of grants that makes British higher education so costly. Any government which was serious about widening access to higher education would have to start by tackling the public-sector unions which have turned the universities and former polytechnics into job-creation empires. Most manual and clerical jobs could be filled by students working for their keep, so reducing the need for grants and making the universities cheaper to run, by eliminating the wages of whole categories of ancillary staff.

Why should universities need this legion of flunkies and menials to carry out tasks at full adult wages, when they could offer these same unskilled and semi-skilled jobs on part-time rotas to students, as working scholarships? Apart from the trade unions' vested interest, the resistance to this is partly snobbery: students do not see themselves (and academics do not wish to see them) as the sort of people who scrub floors. *Then there is the more conscientious* argument that only the children of the poor would have to wash floors, and it would thus be a stigma. But working scholarships in America are a source of pride, because self-improvement is seen as a virtue.

Furthermore, truly committed government could crack down on the kind of financial management that has made education a sitting duck for over-charging suppliers: the bureaucratic stipulation that any budgetary allowance left unspent will be lost has been exploited by rip-off merchants, who treat educational institutions as an endless gold mine. Then the government might consider cooperative residence halls, in which students would do their own cleaning and cooking.

A government which really believed that education was a good in itself would not decide (as this one has done) to discourage people from taking arts degrees by cutting the fees provided for them by 30 per cent on the ground that "too many students" are studying the arts. What could possibly be meant by this? That too many people may be rendered literate, articulate and imaginative by becoming familiar with the highest achievements of their own culture? In what sense, other than the crudely economic, could this be a bad thing?

Perhaps England will never get as close to a democratic idea of education as Scotland, let alone the United States, and maybe that is not, as I keep saying, a bad thing: countries must remain true to themselves. But how much do we all lose by treating higher education as a rite of passage to social superiority, rather than as an open door to an examined life?

William Rees-Mogg is on holiday.

Decoding military messages

Careful talk saves lives, says **Lawrence Freedman**

When generals speak out, the usual fear is that it will be in favour of swift and tough military action. Since President Truman was obliged to sack General MacArthur in 1951 for seeking to extend the Korean war, most generals have taken care to confine public remarks to military matters, and certainly never even hint at an enthusiasm for war.

In practice, generals are more often worried that their political leaders lack caution that boldness. When their orders appear reckless, however much they suspect that an operation is geared solely to saving some politician's face, the military ethos dictates they must accept that they are only one part of a larger picture and cannot appreciate all the nuances of higher strategy.

This is fine when the fate of the nation is at stake, but in situations short of absolute war, different considerations apply. In the various regional disputes *into which Western governments have* become increasingly drawn, engagement is a matter of choice. Intervention will reflect a fine cost and benefit calculation, rather than an overriding imperative. Public opinion, never mind the serving men and women, will not *expect lives to be put at risk for only* marginal foreign policy objectives.

When national survival is not at stake, the media feel free to be more searching in their analyses and interrogations of front-line commanders. Handling the media has become one of the basic skills of a modern general. It is often used to correct what are suspected to be dangerous misperceptions in national capitals. Many soon discover that speaking on the record can embroil them in controversy. Often, as was discovered by Admiral Sandy Woodward *en route* to the Falklands, and Brigadier Patrick Cordingley in the Gulf, the hardest thing is to find the balance between sounding ludicrously complacent, as if any battle will be a walkover, and painting lurid pictures of an imminent bloodbath.

Gradually, the military have learned to fall back on a doctrine of proper use of force in regional disputes, developed in the United States and based on Vietnam and Beirut. The essence is to avoid battle if there is no clear political purpose, confidence in victory and continuing *public support. If battle must be joined,* accept no artificial limits on the amount and types of force to be employed. Tentative tactics threaten victory and increase the risk of casualties.

Against these criteria, the military have had a dismal prognosis for combat *operations in Bosnia from the moment* they were first mooted. Local militias know better than to engage the world's best equipped armies in set-piece combat. They would snipe, harass, frustrate and steadily demoralise Western forces, until public opinion clamoured for them to be brought home. No victory would be claimed, because civil wars rarely reach a tidy conclusion. The ground campaign would be on a scale and for a duration that no Western government could contemplate. Air strikes would have minimal military value, because by themselves they cannot seize and hold territory. The outraged Serbs would be able to take revenge on vulnerable UN forces which are organised for humanitarian missions rather than war.

This line has been held consistently by *most senior military officers. So long as* it was also held by their governments, there was no need for them to go public with their misgivings.

American policy was largely passive until this year. The Clinton *administration changed this, but* was obliged to pull back in the face of European irritation at what were judged to be ill-conceived proposals. Field Marshal Sir Richard Vincent, the chairman of Nato's military committee, demonstrated how to overcome military *doubts* without appearing to be politically insubordinate. "I am determined", he said, "that we will not [take action] without somebody saying at the outset what it is they require us to do."

The administration came back in July. Whatever needed to be done was clearly not being achieved by non-violent means. There is a new mood in Washington, determined to make allies feel uncomfortable if they continue to hold back when the excuses have run out and Sarajevo is evidently being throttled.

This is the context in which Brigadier Vere Hayes asked, "What does President Clinton think he is up to?" His remarks reflect the anxiety in the UN command that its humanitarian mission will soon have to be aborted to make way for a self-defeating gesture. More significant than the brigadier's reported remarks, or those of General Francis Briquemont, is the evidence of the UN commanders' desperate attempts to refute any suggestion that the crunch is imminent, by pretending that the siege of Sarajevo has been lifted, that the military presence still found on Mount Igman is quite trivial and that the threat of air strikes has not affected Serbian strategy.

It is hard not sympathise with the predicament in which these officers find themselves. Yet they do need to watch their language. UN forces are loosing their impartiality and becoming seen as instruments of Serb policy. This could make their role untenable if Sarajevo is turned into a UN protectorate and they are put in the postion of keeping the Muslims disarmed while Serbian forces still threaten. They have spent so long worrying about retaliation by the Serbs that they may be ignoring the risks from aggrieved Muslims.

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Missing Sessions

IT IS NOT quite what one expects of the new, efficient, 1990s BBC. The master-tape of a new play about Samuel Johnson, starring Simon Callow and John Sessions, has been lost, so it can no longer be broadcast, as planned, this Saturday on Radio 3.

Callow plays a bibulous Johnson *in the work, which is aptly* named *Poonsh*, a northern derivative of the "punch" he drank with abandon. Sessions plays the actor David Garrick in the 50-minute comedy about the difficulties Johnson encountered in compiling his dictionary.

The play took three days to record in the BBC's Maida Vale studios, and the production, with original music from Lou Glandfield, is said to have cost at least £30,000. But disaster struck, only days ago, when the tape vanished on its way back to Maida Vale, where the music and speech were to be dubbed together. Couriers are being blamed.

A new recording date has been set for October, but Sessions, Callow and Linda Marlowe, who plays Johnson's wife Lettie, are said to be furious. "I've got a lot of angry actors on my hands," says Ned Chaillet, the producer. "You couldn't have picked three busier actors — it will not be easy getting them together again. John is in a fury, and he is absolutely right to be. Simon Callow thought it was an April Fool's joke, albeit a few months late. It is ridiculous. The couriers do not accept responsibility, but we will never be *employing them again.*"

The playwright, Snoo Wilson, is equally astonished. He adds: "It's the second time this has happened to Linda. After the first time you would have thought they would change the system. I am amazed that they do not have a backup. As you can imagine, everyone has been flinging around accusations of Birtism." He is, however, sure that Johnson would understand. "He had a good sense of the ridiculous."

No smoking

MICHAEL WINNER, the film director who chomps on 12 sizeable cigars every day, is appalled at the news that doctors refused a heart by-pass operation to a man because he was a smoker. "It is scandalous," he thunders. "The doctor should be drummed out of the BMA. This is selection of the fittest. The health service should give people equal treatment."

Winner is, of course, due to undergo his own triple heart by-pass in October and has ensured he will not suffer the same fate by going private. But he is taking no chances and has decided to kick the habit: "I'm giving up. I've only got six cigars left and that's all."

Beer belly

THE comedian Henry Naylor has not got off to the best of starts in his pursuit of a coveted Perrier award at this year's Edinburgh fringe. Naylor, one half of the duo Parsons and Naylor, was celebrating the start of their show in an Edinburgh bar. Towards the end of the evening, tired and more than a little emotional, he slipped and poured a pint of McEwan's "heavy" down the front of a fellow drinker. Apologising profusely, Naylor soon realised his mistake. The man with the sodden shirt was Jon Magnusson — son of Magnus, a Radio 4 producer and, unfortunately, chairman of the Perrier judges.

Naylor quickly suggested that Magnusson might pour beer over him in return. "He accepted my offer willingly. I know him vaguely and he's a good bloke who partakes himself — not the sort of person to drink much Perrier."

● *The dandyish Duke of Devonshire has revealed a secret penchant for mottoes: he has them embroidered on jerseys as gifts for himself, his family and friends.*



One navy blue jersey from his wardrobe, pictured in this week's Country Life, *has a message for those who consider following in his footsteps: "Never Marry a Mitford". Another notes his respect for fellow members of the nobility: "Never Argue with a Cadogan".*

Lords a-leaping

BOARDROOM battles with Lord Forte are for real. Interviewed in this week's *Oldie* magazine, he recalls his tussle with the late Lord Crowther after their two companies, Forte and Trust House, were merged.

The spat was caused by Crowther's refusal to stand down as chairman of the new company to let Forte take the reins. "We had a terrible row during which I started banging the desk hard. He told me to stop banging and I said, 'I'll *bang your head in a minute!*'" says Forte.

To prevent himself from doing so, Forte stormed out of the room and slammed the door so hard that the handle came off in his hand. "Lord Crowther's secretary was sitting outside, and she wore an expression of terror as if this mad Italian were going to bludgeon her." On the contrary: she received a big box of chocolates from Forte the next day.

Caribbean cash

NO WONDER the Tory whips did not impose a harsher punishment than withdrawal of the whip a couple of days before the recess on Rupert Allason, the only MP to miss the crucial Commons confidence vote last month.

There may be an explanation for this lenient approach in Bermuda, where the MP owns a house and spends so much of his time that he has become known by some as the MP for Bermuda Triangle. The whips, well aware of their party's £19 million overdraft, may have observed that he presides over one of the most thriving groups of Conservatives Abroad.

An investigation by *BusinessAge* magazine into donations to the party estimates sums from the branch in Bermuda at £850,000 in three years. "I would be delighted if the figure were true," he modestly says from his beachfront home.

● *The landed gentry are generous patrons of the arts. But surely the hand-out advertising the Broomhill music festival in Kent is stretching the point. "The season begins on 4 July and goes through to 4 September, during which time the place undergoes a transformation with a huge marquis in the beautiful grounds."*

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A FOR ACHIEVEMENT

A-level standards — if not golden — still command respect

Congratulations to the tens of thousands of young men and women who receive confirmation of their A-Level passes this morning. Their results have been the culmination of two years work towards an examination that provides at an early age an opportunity to get under the skin of an academic subject. For a week or two, if not a whole summer, they deserve to bask in the glory of their achievement.

Critics of contemporary British educational standards argue that an examination once regarded as a "gold standard" for academic excellence has been debased to produce an artificial improvement. They recall with nostalgia that almost one third of teenagers sat the examination this summer, as opposed to just just 3.1 per cent 42 years ago when the examination was launched. In 1951 those attempting A-Level had a pass-rate of 70 per cent: in 1993 that pass-rate had improved to 80 per cent.

Defenders of the A Levels' integrity point out that this year's results show not only more A-Level passes but a higher than ever average standard. Entrants' work has reportedly improved, and better results, it is said, merely reflect that outcome. No survey of A-Level results has yet charted an academic decline — and continuously improving performance of larger numbers of entrants ought in theory to mean that the overall standards of entrants have improved.

Commonsense suggests, however, that some sleight of hand has been performed — either intentionally, by the examination boards which have to compete for schools for markets, or unintentionally, by markers who are instinctively inclined to pass or fail a fixed a proportion of candidates. What is the trick and who has played it? How truly golden is the new A level standard?

When the examination was introduced it was designed to select a few thousand entrants to some few thousand places available at universities. Since 1951 educational philosophy has changed, on the radical left as well as the radical right. In those days A levels were designed to weed out university applicants for a few limited places not to nurture ability more generally.

Subsequently, the left denounced all academic standards as elitist to the detriment of standards in schools; conservatives correspondingly defended them because they were elitist. The right was and is right about the value of academic elitism, but the argument about numbers in higher education works by a different calculus.

All Western governments today see higher education in a different light. No longer is the argument about elitism *per se*. Theorists of economic competitiveness argue that to keep first world status, developed countries must educate their youth to a later age and at a deeper level in order to keep ahead in the race beween nations.

The current Conservative government has further expanded the number of places since the Robbins report's recommendations were implemented. A Levels must take the strain. If there are complaints about the level of achievement these should really be addressed to the quality of education provided further down the line at GCSE and even primary level. It is the low-achievers — the vast army of school-leavers who fail to achieve any qualifications — who are the shame of the British education system. Dons are wrong to place the blame on A levels. The failure happens earlier in the system. At least A Levels still command respect.

AT SIXES AND SEVENS

The disputes over Bosnia's corpse go far deeper than airstrikes

For the commander and chief of staff of Unprofor, the United Nations Protection Force, in Sarajevo openly to question the effectiveness of Nato's threatened use of airpower against the Bosnian Serbs was a breach of elementary discipline. Madeleine Albright, America's representative at the UN, rightly describes open criticism of a government by officers under UN command as "unconscionable". It was also embarrassing, because their scepticism finds ready echos in London and Paris.

Nothing, however, was new about the substance: Unprofor's actions had already spoken louder than words. The UN secretary-general, who appears persuaded of the case for airstrikes, seems to exert no control over his field commanders. They have never tested the Serbs and do not want to now, when the Bosnian government is being coerced into accepting a partition imposed by conquest. Were Nato to use airpower to stop the "strangulation" of Sarajevo and other mainly Muslim towns this could, in their view, derail a settlement dictated by what Lord Owen calls the realism "to recognise the line between an outcome that can be defended and one that cannot".

Unprofor has therefore tried everything — including the positioning of French "blue berets" in the line of fire — to fend off airstrikes. First, Unprofor coaxed the Bosnian Serbs from Mount Igman, whose capture had finally galvanised Nato, by denying access to Igman and Bjelasnica to all Bosnian combatants. The Bosnian Serb besiegers co-operated, happy to have the UN close off the defenders' sole remaining means of smuggling in munitions. Some Bosnian Serb troops remain, but the UN insists that they constitute "no threat".

Incredibly, senior UN military personnel then calmly denied that Sarajevo was under siege — implying that Nato's conditions had been met. When this raised a storm in Washington Barry Frewer, Unprofor's spokesman, admitted that the Serbs could "batter the city if they chose" but said relief was now getting through. Sarajevo remains without running water, electricity, adequate food or medicines and entirely vulnerable to Serb artillery and mortar attacks.

"Strangulation" is not only a fact of life: it is a weapon in the Geneva talks. The Serbs and Croats control 80 per cent of Bosnia and are now ready to formalise the partition they first discussed in 1991. Lord Owen has become their ally in browbeating the Bosnian government, precisely because the plight of these enclaves has convinced him that a settlement — any settlement — is imperative before winter claims hundreds of thousands of civilian lives.

The new proposal to make Sarajevo an "open city" under UN protection is the sole echo of the ideals which were crushed out of Lord Owen by the West's failure to back diplomacy with force. Yet even that is not what it seems. The Serbs have won their argument that the city should not be under full Bosnian government control, and proposed "internal boundaries" could in practice mean partition. Lord Owen hinted at this earlier this month, when he demanded that outsiders "look at the valley of Sarajevo and try to discover its history of settlements".

Any remotely equitable settlement must involve Serb and Croat withdrawals. That will happen only if Nato provides troops. America, Mrs Albright hints, will oblige only if the deal reflects "principles established by relevant Security Council resolutions". To force Serbs and Croats to make the steep concessions required to preserve even a shred of those principles, Nato's threat of force must remain credible.

NORSE MANURE

Wit is a better spice for smoerbroed than scatology

The environment secretary, John S-word Gummer, should not be downcast to have been called a *drittsekk* by his Norwegian opposite number. In politics, when obscenity hits the fan, it rebounds upon its user more than upon his target. Only the insincere or the very innocent are shocked when they overhear bad language from politicians — and the environment secretary is certainly not very innocent.

Indeed, Mr Gummer has become a well loved national Aunt Sally for abuse. It has done him no harm. As a man of sound historical sensibility he may be comforted to consider that the four-letter Anglo-Saxon word in question came to be considered indecent only quite recently — with the coining of euphemisms that start with the same sound, such as "shucks".

In private, of course, politicians are rarely averse to bad language. The White House tapes proved as much, and the mildly-spoken British prime minister repeated the proof the other day, by describing some of his colleagues as bastards. In public, however, Western politicians are prudent to avoid obscenities and to be seen drinking nothing stronger than tea. Normally prudence is their watchword — even in Norway.

To descend to vulgar abuse is a sign that the speaker has lost the argument. In the cockpit of politics, the stiletto is more effective than the bludgeon. Lloyd George said that when Herbert Samuel was circumcised they threw away the wrong piece. That old joke was modified by Evelyn Waugh when Randolph Churchill had a lung removed, and the press announced that it was not cancer: "A typical triumph of modern science to find the only part of Randolph that was not malignant and remove it."

Randolph's father was sharp with the skewering insult. But Nancy Astor spiked him, when he complained that he was as embarrassed by her presence in all-male Parliament as if she had burst into the bathroom when he had nothing to defend himself with: "Winston, you are not handsome enough to have worries of that kind." She also asked a troubled Tory MP who said he did not know what to make of maverick Winston Churchill: "How about a nice rug?"

True, in more distant parts of the world somewhat different rules apply. Australian politicians use language so coarsely unparliamentary that it would have the Westminster Speaker bouncing up and down like a server's tennis ball. In last month's general election, Japanese politicians were calling each other the unmentionable insult of war criminals; and one described the Russian foreign minister as a "hairy barbarian".

But the general trend everywhere is towards quieter public language. The sanitised soundbites of television have removed much of the wit, as well as the universal obscenities from politics. Mr Gummer should not reply to his new epithet in kind. That is not his synodical style. It would be out of character for him to be tempted even into Dorothy Parker's exclamation when her American pronunciation of "schedule" with a "sk" was corrected by a know-all British reporter: "O skit!".

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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Britain's place in a European union

From Mr James Pilditch

Sir, "The Twelve have given in to the law of the markets; they have handed big profits to those who speculated against European construction. Morally, this is hard to accept; it is politically disastrous." So writes Michel Sapin, the former French minister for economy and finance ("Time for all good men to come to the aid of Europe", August 9).

Sir, I am no economist, but it seems to me that anyone who thinks he can ignore the law of the markets is in for a hard time. Is this the way Europe is to grow?

M Sapin also calls for "a muscular approach which does not delay the march towards the indispensable goal of economic and monetary union". If he is at all representative of thinking in other countries in Europe, he shows that any hopes entertained here that Europe is beginning to see things our way (as we have been told) are pie in the sky.

Critics of monetary union are not against building Europe, as is often said and M Sapin implies. They, we, object to the unreality, and perhaps contempt for the will of the people, being displayed. Perhaps the ERM debacle is evidence that the pragmatic common sense of ordinary voters, one that does accept the law of the market, is more likely to build a prosperous Europe than the arcane theories of ministers of economy and finance.

Yours faithfully,
JAMES PILDITCH,
62 Cadogan Square, SW1.
August 10.

From Mr T. D. F. Fairbrother

Sir, Sir Roy Denman (letter, August 13) argues that if Britain resists further political union with the European Community, she will be "trading freely with a continental bloc, but with no say in its economic and political affairs: a relationship similar to that between Puerto Rico and the United States".

Nobody — unless he is determined to maintain politically correct attitudes to the issue of Europe — could seriously liken Britain, one of the greater middle-ranking powers, to a small undeveloped Caribbean island. A far better comparison would be with Canada, whose projected free-trade area with the USA and Mexico involves neither supranational institutions nor grandiose ambitions of political or monetary union.

Although the American economy is roughly ten times larger than the Canadian, Canada maintains her own floating currency without difficulty. True, her GDP per capita is slightly lower than the American but Canadians maintain one of the highest qualities of life in the world.

Sir Roy implicitly admits it is possible to have free trade without political union. That is what Enoch Powell (article, August 3) argued forcefully. He knows that what matters to the British people is not the opportunity to meddle in the affairs of other countries, but to have sovereign control over their own affairs through their own Parliament.

Yours faithfully,
TOM FAIRBROTHER,
15 Shepherds' Rise, Vernham Dean,
Andover, Hampshire.
August 14.

From Mr Rodney E. B. Atkinson

Sir, The reason why the United Kingdom has committed constitutional suicide by ratifying the Maastricht treaty could be our parliamentarians' ignorance of European affairs.

This was once again demonstrated in the letters from Mr Ian Taylor, MP, and Sir Anthony Grant, MP (August 10). Mr Taylor seems to labour under the delusion that the Maastricht treaty convergence criteria mean lower interest rates and lower inflation. This is not necessarily true. The interest rate convergence measure merely requires interest rates to be within 2 per cent of the third lowest rate in the European Union. The average interest rate in the union could in theory be 15 per cent and the criterion would still be met.

The constraint on budget deficits (3 per cent of GDP), which will be the principal cause of high interest rates, actually excludes nationalised industry debts, thus hardly constituting a discipline.

The inflation constraints outlined in the treaty state that inflation must be within 1.5 per cent of the third best inflation rate in the union. Equally, that rate could in theory be 20 per cent and the convergence aims would still be met.

Sir Anthony claims that ERM membership reduced interest rates. In fact real interest rates (i.e., after taking into account inflation and tax relief to borrowers) were higher when we left the ERM than they were when we entered at *nominal* rates of 15 per cent.

Yours in horror,
RODNEY E. B. ATKINSON,
60 Ashbourne Court,
Woodside Park Road, N12.
August 11.

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North-South divide on health care

From Dr R. D. Hunter

Sir, Your health services correspondent's article of August 5, "Medicine's North-South divide", highlights the different practices of radiotherapy in the United Kingdom in breast cancer and head and neck cancer and specifically mentions this hospital.

According to a Royal College of Radiologists report published in 1989, patients being treated with radiotherapy for breast cancer in the UK are offered a range of schedules — depending on the training and experience of their consultant — of three, four or five weeks. Patients treated in Manchester commonly receive 15 treatments in three weeks and receive a lower dose over that period.

From many years of study, this is believed to produce an equivalent result in terms of cancer control, early and late side effects. This view was endorsed by a report published in 1992 by the Princess Margaret Hospital in Toronto, the largest cancer hospital in North America, which, like the Christie, uses a three-week regime.

In practice, skin "burning" and "nausea" are very rare using modern radiotherapy techniques. Severe late reactions are unusual and more commonly a manifestation of patient hypersensitivity. No clinical trials to investigate the different approaches in breast cancer have been reported but a UK trial in head and neck cancer reported last year comparing the three-week and six-week approaches concluded that while both produced the same cancer result the shorter treatment course produced fewer long-term side effects.

The Christie Hospital has consultant staff trained in the south and the north and they offer treatment courses of up to six weeks for different cancer problems. The consensus view of the group is that there is no evidence that patients being treated for breast cancer and head and neck cancer benefit from the longer courses of treatment.

In my opinion, imbalanced articles such as yours only serve to increase patient anxiety in this sensitive area.

Yours sincerely,
ROBIN HUNTER
(Medical Director and
Director of Clinical Oncology),
Christie Hospital National Health
Service Trust,
Wilmslow Road, Withington,
Manchester 20.
August 5.

From Dr A. E. Johnson and others

Sir, The fact that treatment of breast cancer can depend on where the patient lives and on the accident of referral pattern has long been known to doctors — and accepted by them as the end results, in terms of survival, are the same. This is because the cause of death is not the local lump (for which a wide range of treatments exist) but its spread beyond the breast (known as metastasis) which is already present, by and large, when the lump is first discovered.

Various tests have been established, particularly in Nottingham, which will predict the future outlook from the original tumour sample. In our breast study centre we have also demonstrated that the appropriate treatment may be predicted from the tumour sample: rapidly growing tumours require intensive, closely spaced treatments (whether by drugs or radiation) and vice versa.

Trials of very short overall treatment times in radiotherapy (doses up to three times daily over 12 days) in which the response is related to predictive tests of tumour growth, are under way in the Marie Curie research wing and the Cancer Research Campaign's Gray laboratory at this hospital in relation to other cancers. Here there is the possibility that the normal tissue reaction will be reduced relative to the tumour response without sacrificing effectiveness against the tumour.

The way forward is to try to tailor treatment to the individual according to the predicted tumour behaviour. For some patients the extra side effects associated with shorter treatment times are the unavoidable price of local control, for others the best timing also happens to be kinder to the normal tissues.

There is no single "correct" method. The women of the north should not be made to feel that their management is inferior for geographical reasons. The question which should be posed both north and south of Watford is "what is the best treatment for *my* tumour?"

Yours faithfully,
ANN JOHNSON,
JOHN SALES,
SIMON COX (Watford
General Hospital),
Mount Vernon Hospital,
Breast Study Centre,
Rickmansworth Road,
Northwood, Middlesex.
August 12.

Radio sufferings and rolling news

From Mr Roy Hollands and others

Sir, Radio 5 is in danger of being discarded, or at least radically disrupted, to make way for the BBC's proposed rolling news service. Since the talk is of somehow accommodating Radio 5's current sports output within the new rolling news service, the programmes for young people that have been such a successful feature of Radio 5 are at risk.

During Radio 5's short existence the quality and range of its literary output directed at young people has been impressive. It has been eclectic and imaginative in selecting readings and dramatisations; it has commissioned new literary work from both established and untried writers. It has, in short, achieved real success in re-establishing, after a long absence, innovative, lively, speech-based radio for children and young people — an encouragement to the development of listening skills, to appreciation of literature and to reading.

If Radio 5 were to be decimated as rumoured, it would clearly not be possible to accommodate its large and impressive output for youngsters on the other networks. With Radio 5 the BBC has established the proven capacity to capture, retain and develop a young audience's interest in literature. We trust this achievement will not be discarded.

Yours faithfully,
ROY HOLLANDS (Chairman,
Educational Writers Group),
JILL PATON WALSH (Chairman,
Children's Writers and
Illustrators Group),
NEVILLE TELLER (Chairman,
Broadcasting Group),
The Society of Authors,
84 Drayton Gardens, SW10.
August 16.

From Mrs Margaret Willey

Sir, The director general of the BBC may be a young man with an itch, but does he really want to turn us all into a nation of neurotics with his "rolling news" programme while planning to reduce (article, August 11) the few moments of quiet morning reflection given us by "Thought for the Day"?

Yours faithfully,
MARGARET WILLEY,
Coach House, Berry Farm,
Hawkchurch, Devon.
August 16.

Cricket's essentials

From Squadron Leader Jack Currie (retd)

Sir, According to John Woodhead (letter, August 14), Lord Rees-Mogg's views on the importance in cricket of the moral aspect are tripe (albeit of the best quality). I disagree.

Certainly, physical fitness and technical proficiency are necessary, as is the "mental toughness" with which, to my mind, Mr Woodhead turns his own argument on its head, but these attributes alone are not enough to bring success at the highest levels of the game. Necessary also are imagination, intelligence, pride and the will to win — functions of mind and spirit, rather than of muscle and sinew — and they are qualities shared by every cricketer, past and present, whom we think of as great.

Lord Rees-Mogg is right.

Yours faithfully,
JACK CURRIE,
Westfield, Thirsk Road,
Easingwold, York.
August 15.

From Miss M. H. Coffman

Sir, Ian Botham undoubtedly believes in winning (Peter Thomas's letter, August 14), but surely not at all costs?

I am English and lived in Australia for 37 years, during which time I saw the attitude to sport in general, and cricket in particular, degenerate from genuine pleasure in sporting competition to orchestrated aggression. I believe that in modern Australia marketing forces actively discourage the attitude of sport for its own sake.

It is a shame, for example, that crowds there will never again enjoy the wonderful sporting atmosphere that prevailed at the Melbourne Cricket Ground on the famous day in 1960 when 90,000 people, including me, went to watch Australia play the West Indies.

As Mr Thomas suggests, Australians only care about winning. Well, a lot of people in Britain are apparently still silly enough to believe in the importance of "how you play the game", and I am one of them. If that means losing, it's not a national disaster. Boris Becker once remarked that he had only lost a tennis match, "not a war".

Yours sincerely,
M. H. COFFMAN,
43 Bagworth Road,
Nailstone, Leicestershire.
August 14.

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Lord Taylor on TV

From the Private Secretary to the Lord Chief Justice

Sir, Mr Levin's article, "Parading the ignorance of the law" (August 17), rests on a misapprehension. The Lord Chief Justice has no intention of appearing on any programme concerned with topics of general political import. So far he has only discussed the possibility of appearing on a special edition of *Question Time* in the autumn on the subject of "crime and the law".

The other panellists being considered do not include any politicians. The panel would consider only questions relating to legal issues.

Yours etc,
EDWARD ADAMS,
Private Secretary to the
Lord Chief Justice,
Royal Courts of Justice, Strand, WC2.
August 18.

Fish stocks threat

From Miss Barbara Young

Sir, Your report ("MPs say limits on fishing days will destroy industry", August 13) fails to mention the Commons select committee on agriculture's recommendation that the future of the industry depends upon a much lower rate of fishing.

Fish stocks have already been depleted severely and the fishing industry continues to make a major impact on the marine ecosystem. Worryingly, the committee report considers "irretrievable" damage to the ecosystem may be inevitable if we are to have a commercial industry. However, uncontrolled harvests such as the industrial fishing for sandeels, which accounts for half the North Sea catch, could undermine the marine food chain.

If the committee thinks damage to the ecosystem is inconsequential to sustainable fisheries, it has totally misunderstood the nature of the problem.

Yours faithfully,
BARBARA YOUNG
(Chief Executive),
The Royal Society for the
Protection of Birds,
The Lodge, Sandy, Bedfordshire.
August 13.

Royal gates

From Mr David Coombs

Sir, The Queen Mother "deserves better" comments the Learned Clerk of The Worshipful Company of Blacksmiths (letter, August 10) on the design of the new gates in her honour.

I don't agree at all. I like the gates for their joie de vivre, their gaiety and not least as a colourful and cheerful addition to an otherwise largely barren corner of Park Lane and Hyde Park.

In her own right the Queen Mother is a significant and discerning collector — often of contemporary art. Whether or not Her Majesty likes these gates I don't know, but they are undoubtedly charming as well as witty and representative therefore of these often neglected aspects of our times.

Yours faithfully,
DAVID COOMBS
(Editor),
The Antique Collector,
Eagle House, 50 Marshall Street, W1.
August 10.

From Mr Trevor Spooner

Sir, May I suggest that the Learned Clerk to The Worshipful Company of Blacksmiths commissions his Worshipful Company to design and erect, close to the gates, a bunch of sour grapes?

Yours etc,
TREVOR SPOONER,
Lundy Cottage,
Crowhurst Lane End,
Tandridge, Oxted, Surrey.
August 10.

Peak practice

From Sir William Nicoll

Sir, Observation of baseball cap wearers (letters, August 12, 14) suggests that they adhere to the following rules:

The cap is worn peak facing forward: indoors, and especially when visiting a church; when receiving a trophy from a female royal personage; in bed.

It is worn peak facing backward: during college lectures; for the first daily visit to the refrigerator (formerly known as breakfast).

I am, Sir, your obedient servant,
W. NICOLL,
Outback,
Nackington Road,
Canterbury, Kent.
August 12.

From District Judge M. J. Matthews

Sir, If baseball caps were made with the peak at the back would they be worn back to front?

Yours faithfully,
M. J. MATTHEWS,
Bromley County Court,
College Road, Bromley, Kent.
August 12.

From Mr John Clark-Maxwell

Sir, The cap should be worn backwards when the wearer is past his peak.

Yours faithfully,
JOHN CLARK-MAXWELL,
The Mead House,
Swallowfield,
Reading, Berkshire.
August 13.

Diary devotees

From Mr David S. Howard

Sir, I have read with awe (letters, August 5, 17) the achievements of those who have kept a diary for many years.

Recently, I found my diary of 1936 which my mother had preserved. The only entry, for January 1, read: "Resolved to keep a dairy (*sic*)".

Yours sincerely,
DAVID S. HOWARD,
Manor Farm, West Yatton,
Chippenham, Wiltshire.
August 17.

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BALMORAL CASTLE
August 18: The Queen was represented by Sir Michael Herries (Her Majesty's Lord Lieutenant for the Stewartry of Kirkcudbright) at the Service of Thanksgiving for the Life of Admiral Sir Nigel Henderson (formerly Vice-Admiral of the United Kingdom) which was held in Castle Douglas Parish Church this afternoon.

Mrs John Dugdale has succeeded the Hon Mary Morrison as Lady in Waiting to Her Majesty.

BUCKINGHAM PALACE
August 18: The Princess Royal this morning visited Proctor's Children Home, Skene, and was received by Her Majesty's Lord Lieutenant for Aberdeenshire (Captain Colin Farquharson of Whitehouse).

Her Royal Highness afterwards visited Stewart Milne Group, Peregrine House, Westhill Business Park, Westhill.

The Princess Royal later visited Ashdale Hall, Westhill.

Her Royal Highness subsequently opened Westhill Swimming Pool, Westhill.

The Princess Royal this afternoon visited Roxburghe House, Milltimber, Aberdeen, and was received by Her Majesty's Lord Lieutenant for the City of Aberdeen (Mr James Wyness, the Lord Provost).

Her Royal Highness afterwards opened the Beach End Project, Aberdeen Football Club, Pittodrie Stadium, Aberdeen.

Memorial service

Admiral Sir Nigel Henderson

The Queen was represented by the Lord Lieutenant for the Stewartry of Kirkcudbright at a service of thanksgiving for Admiral Sir Nigel Henderson held yesterday at Castle Douglas Parish Church. The Rev Christopher Wallace officiated and gave an address, assisted by the Rev David Jelley. Mr Martin Henderson, son, read the lesson, Mr Julian Birchall, son-in-law, read from Pericles' funeral oration and Mr Michael Hogan, son-in-law, read from H.T. Hamblin's "The Message of a Flower".

School news

Royal Grammar School, Newcastle upon Tyne

The Governors of the Royal Grammar School, Newcastle upon Tyne, have appointed Mr J.F.X. Miller, MA, Headmaster of Framlingham College, Suffolk, to be Headmaster of the Royal Grammar School from September 1994. Mr Miller will succeed Mr A.S. Cox who is retiring.

Military burial

Roy Otter, an RAF gunner from Sheffield, who was killed when his bomber crashed in Russia during the second world war, is to be buried at Archangel Allied Cemetery after his remains were recently found.

University news

Cambridge University.

Gianni Zappala has been awarded the first Hansen research fellowship in international management at the university to study the European Single Market and its effects on Britain.

Dr Fraser Watts, a research clinical psychologist at the Medical Research Council applied psychology unit in Cambridge, is to be the first Starbridge lecturer in theology and natural science at the university. The appointment was made possible by the £1 million endowment from Susan Howatch, the best-selling author, which was announced in March.

Buckingham Palace

The State Apartments at Buckingham Palace will be open every day from Saturday, August 7, until October 1. Opening hours are from 9.30 am to 5.30pm and the last admission is at 4.30.

The Queen's Gallery is open from 10.00 am to 5.00 pm on Tuesdays to Saturdays and from 2.00 to 5.00 pm on Sundays.

The Royal Mews is open on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays until September 30 and on Wednesdays only from October 6 to December 22. Opening hours are from noon until 4.00 pm.

Birthdays today

The American President celebrates his birthday today.

Professor Quentin Bell, art historian, 83; Commandant Daphne Blundell, former director, WRNS, 77; Mr Gordon Brand, Jr, golfer, 35; Lord Cocks of Hartcliffe, 64; Mr John Deacon, guitarist and songwriter, 42; Mr K.H.M. Dixon, former chairman, Rowntree, 64; Mr C.J. Driver, master, Wellington College, 54; Lady Dunbar of Hempriggs, 87; Lord Ennals, 71; Dame Rose Heilbron, former High Court judge, 79; Mr E.R. Heward, former Chief Master of the Supreme Court, 81; Mr Richard Ingrams, former editor, *Private Eye*, 56; Mr Michael Roper, former Keeper of Public Records, 61; Mr Willie Shoemaker, jockey, 62; Mrs



David Lodge, the actor, is 72 today

Phyllida Stewart-Roberts, superintendent-in-chief, St John Ambulance Brigade, 60; Mr G.W. von Mallinckrodt, executive chairman, Schroders, 63; Surgeon Vice-Admiral Sir James Watt, 79.



Living in the past: a family in the village of Qurna inhabit a pharaoh's tomb. For some villagers the temptation to steal artifacts has proved too great and now Egyptian authorities are considering moving families away to reduce robberies

Robbers threaten Egypt's ancient heritage

THIEVES are plundering many of Egypt's ancient tombs at will and selling the treasures to a secret network of dealers involved in a global market for stolen art, archaeologists have claimed.

The government is said to be powerless to prevent many of the thefts because much of the country's heritage lies unprotected, undiscovered, and unrecorded near or beneath villages and towns.

"It is a great problem. More and more things just go out of the country," said Daniel Polz, a researcher at the German Archaeology Institute in Cairo. He has seen items in European galleries which he suspects were stolen.

The problem is particularly acute in Qurna, a village about 390 miles south of Cairo which is built on the site of hundreds of tombs of royalty and nobles who lived from 1580 BC to 1060 BC. "It's an open museum," one official said.

Antiquities officials were alerted to an apparent case of grave robbing in May when Fatma Nagdy, a widow in Qurna, reported hearing voices, digging and explosions beneath her mud house. They finally entered her home this month and began digging in search of the mystery tunnellers, but the Nagdy said: "I still hear the voices after they [the officials] finish work every day."

Villagers are the chief suspects. One Qurna villager is at present serving a three-year jail sentence for having dug through the bottom of his home and unearthed artifacts.

The best solution is to move the 500 families from the Qurna area to a new village, according to M.A. Nur el-Din, chairman of the Egyptian Antiquities Organisation. "Then we'll have no possibility at all for tomb robbing," he said.

A nearby site has already been selected and the relocation could take place within the next few years, but the villagers are reluctant to move from their ancestral homes.

Officials are also concerned that homes were built too closely to tombs, temples and other sites in Alexandria, Egypt's second largest city, as well as at the temples of Idfu and Esna in the south. Authorities believe a high percentage of grave robbers from Qurna have married foreign women in Luxor to make it easier to smuggle items out of Egypt.

"They married the middleman," Abdel Rahman Abo Zaid, the Luxor city council chief, said. Egyptian collectors and dealers were until recently allowed to sell to foreigners, but since a law passed in 1983 they can only sell to Egyptians and must register items sold.

Stolen wood and stone statues, murals, mummies, amulets, and jewellery are said to pass through a clandestine network until they resurface on both illegal and legal art markets in the US, Europe and Japan.

Secret garden found on ruined estate

BY A STAFF REPORTER

A FORGOTTEN Victorian garden containing numerous rare plants has been discovered at a rundown country estate.

Tim Smit, an archaeologist, and John Nelson, a builder, discovered the 22-acre garden on the Heligan estate in Mevagissey, Cornwall, hidden from the 20th century by 25ft brambles. It contains one of the largest collections of palms and tree ferns in Britain.

A group of Hooker rhododendrons, imported from the Himalayas in 1840, flourished behind the dense undergrowth. Trees included a 100ft New Zealand Yew and a group of 135ft sequoia trees from California. A Chinese ginkgo tree is from a species that dates to prehistoric times.

The walled garden on the 1,000-acre estate concealed a row of derelict beehives, weed-filled ponds, ivy-covered hot houses and the remnants of vegetable plots.

The finders want to open the garden to visitors in 1995. Mr Smit said: "We had no idea what to expect. First we discovered a wall and in no time we realised there was much more than we could ever have bargained for.

"We had to cut down everything by hand because there were far too many valuable species to risk using any form of machinery. We want to restore it to its original working condition. It will be the only example of a 19th century working garden in Britain."

The pair discovered the garden, created by members of the Tremayne family in the last century, after leasing it from a friend, John Willis, who inherited the estate.

☐ A yew tree in the village churchyard at Coldwaltham near Pulborough, West Sussex has been confirmed to be one of the oldest trees in England. Tests by the Conservation Foundation showed the hollow tree with a 33ft girth was probably planted around 1,000 BC by Druids.

Anniversaries

BIRTHS: James Crichton, the "Admirable Crichton", athlete, scholar, poet and linguist, Eliock, Dumfriesshire, 1560; John Dryden, poet laureate 1670-89, Northampton, 1631; John Flamstead, 1st Astronomer Royal 1675-1719, Denby, Derbyshire, 1646; James Hall, historian and poet, Philadelphia, 1793; James Nasmyth, inventor of the steam hammer, Edinburgh, 1808; Orville Wright, pioneer of aviation, Dayton, Ohio, 1871; Georges Enesco, violinist and composer, Liveni, Romania, 1881; Gabrielle (Coco) Chanel, fashion designer, Issoire, France, 1883; Sir Arthur Waley, orientalist, London, 1889; Ogden Nash, writer of humorous verse, Rye, New York, 1902.

DEATHS: Augustus, Roman emperor 27BC-AD14, Nola, near Naples, AD14; Andrea Palladio, architect, Vicenza, 1580; Blaise Pascal, philosopher, Paris, 1662; Robert Bloomfield, poet, Shefford, Bedfordshire, 1823; Charles Gerhardt, chemist, Strasbourg, 1856; George Smith, archaeologist, Aleppo, Syria, 1876; Richard Burdon Haldane, 1st Viscount Haldane, creator of the Territorial Army, Cloan, Tayside, 1928; Sergei Diaghilev, impresario, Venice, 1929; Sir Henry Wood, conductor, Hitchin, Hertfordshire, 1944; Subhas Chandra Bose, Indian nationalist, Taiwan, 1945; Groucho Marx, comic actor, Santa Monica, California, 1977.

The first English colonists arrived in America on the coast of Maine, 1605.

Day of Thanksgiving in Britain, 1945.

Latest wills

Anthony John Sheridan **Mayman**, of Fen End, Kenilworth, Warwickshire, chairman and managing director of his family engineering company, and vintage car racing driver, left estate valued at £9,116,877 gross, net nil. He died intestate.

Karl Felix Hermann **Blaschko**, FRS, of Oxford, a former Reader in Biochemical Pharmacology at Oxford, left estate valued at £303,711 net.

Miss Marjorie Joyce **Reid**, of Marlow, Buckinghamshire, left estate valued at £361,423 net, all to go to the Guide Dogs for the Blind Association.

Charles Edward, Lord **Leatherland**, of Buckhurst Hill, Essex, a former news editor of the *Daily Herald*, left estate valued at £575,853 net.

Sir Sidney Robert **Nolan**, of Presteigne, Powys, the Australian-born artist, left estate valued at £2,324,118 gross, £524,030 net.

William **Douglas-Home**, of Alresford, Hants, the playwright and author, left estate valued at £322,933 net.

Phyllis Josephine **Cross**, of London SW7, left estate valued at £1,381,577 net.

She left £16,000 to personal legatees, £2,000 to Lurgashall Cricket Club, West Sussex, and the residue to the Gauntlet Trust, of the Armourers and Brasiers Company, in memory of her late husband, Christopher Turner Cross.

Mrs Maryla Halina **Spyra**, of London N2 ..... £507,551.

Mavis Heveningham **Strange**, of London W1 ..... £738,109.

Forthcoming marriages

Mr R.A. Algar and Miss R.L.G. Howell

The engagement is announced between Ross Andrew, youngest son of Mr and Mrs Robert Algar, of Bourn, Cambridgeshire, and Rebecca Louise Gerard, only daughter of the late Mr F.G Howell, QPM, and of Lady Pidgeon and stepdaughter of Sir John Pidgeon, of Great Brampton House, Madley, Hereford.

Mr S.M. Bainton-Smith and Miss C.M. Cochrane

The engagement is announced between Stephen, elder son of Mr and Mrs Bruce Smith, of Bournemouth, Dorset, and Catriona, youngest daughter of Mr and Mrs Thomas Cochrane, of Hartfield, Sussex.

Mr I.F. Ball and Miss E.F. Thomas

The engagement is announced between Ian, elder son of Mr and Mrs D.F. Ball, of Bolton-Le-Moors, Lancashire, and Elizabeth, younger daughter of the Rev R.J. and Mrs Thomas, of Frenchay, Bristol.

Mr P.E. Battye and Miss S-A. Harper

Bryan and Sheilah Harper, of Harkaway, Victoria, Australia, are pleased to announce the engagement of their elder daughter Sally-Anne to Philip Edward, eldest son of Tom and Josie Battye, of Castle Hill, NSW, Australia.

Mr C.A. Lennon and Miss J.M. Gray

The engagement is announced between Clyde Lennon, of Sydney, Australia and London, SW16, and Joanna, daughter of Dr and Mrs Kenneth Gray, of East Harlsey, North Yorkshire.

Mr R. Marshall and Miss S. Goetcheus

The engagement is announced between Richard, third son of Mr and Mrs L.H. Marshall, of Llanarth, Gwent, and Susan, daughter of Colonel J. Goetcheus, and Mrs M. Anders, of Yorktown, Virginia, USA.

Mr C.J. Paterson and Miss S.V. Marrs

The engagement is announced between Cameron, son of the late Mr D.J. Paterson and Mrs M.M. Paterson, of Carnoustie, Scotland, and Susan, daughter of Mrs B.B. Marrs, of Shenfield, Essex.

Mr G. Moor and Miss J.M. Wilson-Haffenden

The engagement is announced between Gerald, eldest son of Mrs C.M. Moor and the late Major H. Moor, BEM, of Park Gate, Hampshire, and Jacqueline, younger daughter of Mr and Mrs P.A. Wilson-Haffenden, of Walmer, Kent.

Mr K.D. Scott and Miss C.G. Mackenzie

The engagement is announced between Kieran, youngest son of Dr and Mrs E. Scott, of Oldham, Lancashire, and Caroline, only daughter of Dr and Mrs K.S. Mackenzie, of Oldham, Lancashire.

Mr G. Smith and Miss C. Winter

Mr Greg Smith and Miss Corinne Winter are pleased to announce to their family and friends their forthcoming marriage.

Marriages

Mr A.C. Corcoran and Miss A.M. Snookes

The marriage took place on Saturday, August 14, at St Michael's, Tettenhall, between Mr Andrew Charles Corcoran, of Moughland Lane, Rumcorn, and Miss Alison Melanie Snookes, elder daughter of Mrs J. Snookes, of Pendeford, Wolverhampton.

Mr W.L.H. Mills and Miss D.M. Wilson

The marriage took place on Saturday, August 7, at the Church of St Peter and St Paul, Preston, Rutland, of Mr William Lee Hallam Mills, son of Major-General and Mrs Giles Mills, of Twyford, Hampshire, to Miss Deborah Mary Wilson, daughter of Canon and Mrs Michael Wilson, of Preston, Rutland. Canon Michael Wilson officiated and the Rev Rupert Charkham preached the sermon.

The bride, who was given in marriage by her father, was attended by Alec and Leo Mills, Benjamin and Max Stevenson, Henry Farrar-Bell, Jamie Chitty, Jony Williams and Emily Charkham. Captain Richard Chitty was best man.

The reception was held at the home of the bride and the honeymoon spent in California.

Church news

The Rev Robin Spittle, Vicar, Shotley: to be *also* Priest-in-charge, Copdock w Washbrook and Bentley and Tattingstone (St Edmundsbury and Ipswich).

The Rev Philip Stevens, formerly Vicar, St Chad's, Saddleworth (Manchester): to be Vicar, St Paul's Wordsworth Avenue, Sheffield (Sheffield).

The Rev Nicholas Waters, formerly Assistant Chaplain, Ardingly College: to be Priest-in-charge, Slindon w Eartham and Madehurst (Chichester).

The Rev John Watson, Vicar, Eaton Socon: to be *also* an Honorary Canon of St Albans Abbey (St Albans).

The Rev John Webb, Royal Army Chaplains' Department: to be Rector, Bentworth and Shalden and Lasham (Winchester).

The Rev Andrew White, Curate, St Mark, Battersea Rise: to be Priest-in-charge, Church of The Ascension, Balham (Southwark).

The Rev Vernon White, Rector, Wotton and Holmbury St Mary and Director of Ordinands for the diocese of Guildford: to be Chancellor of Lincoln Cathedral (Lincoln).

The Rev Henry Whyte, Vicar, St Paul, Kingston Hill: to be Vicar, St Michael and all Angels, Blackheath Park (Southwark).

The Rev Gary Wilton: to be Team Vicar, Marlbrook Team Ministry, w special responsibility for Church of The Ascension, Bath (Bath and Wells).

The Rev Andrew Young, Curate (NSM), Yeovil w Kingston Pitney: to be Curate (NSM), Timinhull w Chilthorne Domer, Yeovil Marsh and Thorne Coffin (Bath and Wells).

Resignations and retirements

The Rev Sidney Andrew, Vicar, Worlaby w Bonby and Elsham (Lincoln): to resign as from September 30.

The Rev Reggie Beevers, Priest-in-charge, Oare w Culbone (Bath and Wells): to retire as from October 31.

The Rev Llewellyn Cumings, Vicar, Billinghay and Walcot and Dogdyke (Lincoln): to retire as from October 31.

The Rev Richard Dent, Vicar, All Saints, Longwell Green (Bristol): to resign as from September 30.

The Rev Brian Ettlinger, Priest-in-charge, Higham St Mary, Raydon in plurality w Holton St Mary and Stratford St Mary (St Edmundsbury and Ipswich): to retire as from October 31.

The Rev Canon Basil Jones, Vicar, Wigginton (St Albans): to retire as from October 31, and will then be appointed a Canon Emeritus of St Albans Abbey.

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Romans 7 : 6 (REB)

BIRTHS

BELL - On August 17th at Eastbourne District Hospital, to Joanna (nee Paterson) and Michael, twin daughters, Hollie and Camilla

FRASER - On 11th August, to Fiona (nee Butcher) and Glen, a son, Alexander Thomas Anthony, brother to Lucy

GLOVER - On August 12th at The Portland Hospital, to Caroline (nee De Rouge-Monk), a daughter, Sophie, a sister for Alex

LANGLEY-HUNT - On August 17th, to Anne Marie (nee Kemball Price) and Tim, a daughter, Gabrielle Elsie

MACKANESS - On August 18th at BMH Rinteln, Germany, to James and Mary Anne (nee Herbert) a son, Charles James St Duthus

MILLIAMS - On August 13th at Queen Charlotte's Hospital, London, to Gareth and Violetta, a son, Jamie Gordon.

POOL - On August 3rd 1993 at Bradford Royal Infirmary, to Alison and Richard, a daughter, Camilla Bellrys Rose, a sister for William and Clementine

REDLICK - On August 17th at The Royal London Hospital, to Sarah (nee Prinn) and Calvin, a daughter

ROBINSON - On July 26th, to Val (nee Pettingale) and Keith, a daughter, Daisy Rae

TINSLEY - On August 13th 1993, to Susan (nee Williams) and Denis, a son, Andrew Desmond Williams

TSUDEN - On August 17th at the Wellington Hospital, to Masae and Iemasa, a beautiful daughter Chie

WILLIS - On 18th August, to Moira and Andrew, a daughter, Sarah Elizabeth, a sister for Robert and David

DEATHS

BOWLBY - Anthony Hugh Austyn Baronet of Ozleworth, Gloucestershire, aged 87 years. A private funeral service is to be held. Donations in lieu of flowers may be given in his memory to a charity of your choice

BURSTALL - Jean, formerly of Mogden Lane, Isleworth, died on August 15th at Pilgrim Wood, Guildford, peacefully after a short illness. Beloved mother of Michael and Richard, grandmother of Francis, Lindsay, Kenneth and Timothy, great grandmother of Annabelle, Richard and Jennifer. Funeral Service at Guildford Crematorium, 3pm, August 24th. Donations if desired to OXFAM

CLITHEROW - On August 18th at home, Sandy, aged 99. Beloved husband of Shirley, loving father of Piers and Simon. Funeral Service at Reading Crematorium on Monday August 23rd at 2 pm. Family flowers only, but donations please to Doctor Spittle's Marathon Fund for Radiotherapy at the Middlesex Hospital, Mortimer Street, London W1, in recognition of the devotion and care during his illness.

COLEBURT - Father A.E., on the feast of the Assumption, aged 83, Parish priest of Dartford, 1950 1987. Funeral at St Anselm's, Dartford, midday Tuesday 24th August. Flowers to Lewis Solomon Funeral Service, 19 Darsley Road, Gravesend (tel. 0474 352261)

de ROUSSET-HALL - On 16th August, peacefully in hospital after a short illness, Joan Beloved wife of Orman (Tim) de Rousset Hall, of Market Harborough. Most loving mother of Anne and Peter, grandmother of Mark, Sarah and Catharine. Funeral at 2.30 pm 24th August at Great Bowden Church, followed by interment. Family flowers only please.

DINEEN - On August 16th, peacefully at Cleeve Hill, Cheltenham, Eve Dineen aged 91, mother of Michael. Funeral Service at Cheltenham Crematorium on 25th August at 11.30 am. Enquiries to Selim Smith and Co., 74 Prestbury Road, Cheltenham (0242) 526383.

DRAKE - On August 16th 1993, peacefully at home, aged 97, Daphne Joyce, much loved wife of the late Colonel Francis Drake O.B.E., M.C., D.L., greatly loved mother of Dawn and June, wonderful Gugge to seven grandchildren and ten great-grandchildren. Funeral at St Mary's Church, Old Harlow on Monday August 23rd at 2.30 pm. Family flowers only but donations, if desired, to either The British Heart Foundation or the N.S.P.C.C. c/o Daniel Robinson & Sons Ltd., Robinson House, Wych Elm, Harlow, Essex CM20 1QP

DUDDEN - Liz (nee Elizabeth Harvey Richards), peacefully on 15th August, aged 36, after seven months' illness, stubbornly fought. Journalist, equestrian press officer/PR: confidante to all, generous to a fault. Justly proud mother of Amy, now aged five. Irreplaceable helpmate and foil to Phillip. Service of thanksgiving at Datchet Parish Church on 31st August at 2.30 pm. Donations, for a cause to be announced, to Karen Earl Ltd., 23 Ledbury Mews West, London W11 2AE.

DUNNE - John Dunne died peacefully at home in St Leonards-on-Sea on 17th August, beloved husband of Janet, loving father of Gabby and Carmel, and adored Boppa Jon Jon to Josh and Ben. Requiem Mass at St Mary Star-of the Sea Church, High Street, Hastings, on Friday 20th August at 2.30 pm, followed by cremation. Family flowers only please, but if desired, donations for the Catholic Children's Society or St Michael's Hospice may be sent to A.C. Towner Limited, Funeral Directors, 2-4 Norman Road, St Leonards-on-Sea, TN37 6NH tel: Hastings (0424) 436386

ENGLISH - On August 17th 1993, suddenly in hospital, Marian Joyce (nee Parsons) of Cerne Abbas, Dorset. Widow of R.D. English, mother, grandmother and great-grandmother. Enquiries to Grassby F.S., 16 Princes Street, Dorchester, tel (0305) 262338

FAGG - On August 16th, suddenly, Martin of Chichester and Wareham, brother of Tom. Funeral Service at Chichester Crematorium on Tuesday 24th August at 2 pm. Family flowers only please, but donations if desired to the Macmillan Nurse Appeal c/o F.A. Holland & Son, 3 Jubilee Road, Chichester, West Sussex, tel. (0243) 782965

GILLESPIE - On 18th August 1993, peacefully after a short illness, Molly. Beloved wife of the late Lt Col. H.M. Gillespie O.B.E. and mother of Anne and Sally. Funeral Service private. No flowers please

HARRISON David Hume. On August 16th in Edenbridge Hospital aged 77, after a long illness. Beloved husband of Veronica, father of Jennifer and grandfather of Charlotte and Jonathan. Formerly of the 7th Light Cavalry, Indian Army, and the Treasury Solicitor's Office and C.I.C.B. Cremation at Tunbridge Wells on Tuesday 24th August at 12 noon. Thanksgiving Service at St Martin's Church, Brasted, on Saturday September 11th at 12 noon. Family flowers only, donations if desired to Edenbridge Hospital or Parkinsons Disease Society, 22 Upper Woburn Place, London WC1H 0RA.

HOLBROOK - On August 16th at the County Hospital Hereford, Leonard Alfred, Plastic Surgeon, aged 58 years. Beloved husband of Meg and dear brother of Peter. Funeral Service at Hereford Crematorium on Wednesday 25th August at 2 pm. Floral tributes if desired may be sent to Bayley Brothers Hereford Ltd., Cotterell Street, Hereford

HORNBY - Muriel Stevenson peacefully on 13th August 1993. Funeral 11 am Saturday 28th August 1993. West London Crematorium. Enquiries to H.J. Beni, 343 Ladbroke Grove, London W10 6AH tel (0811 969 1170

LEWIS - On August 17th 1993, Iris Rosemary. Much beloved wife and companion for 43 years of Tony, mother of Steven and Sherry, grandmother of Katie, Emily, Virginia, Claire and Rachel. Funeral Service today, Thursday 19th August, 4 pm at Edgwarebury Cemetery, Edgwarebury Lane, Edgware, Middx. No flowers please, but donations if desired to Cancer Research.

MALLESON - On August 18th, Bernard Ken in his 96th year. Funeral on Wednesday 25th August at Kingsdown Crematorium, Swindon at 1.30 pm. Family flowers only, donations to Cirencester Hospital League of Friends

McDONALD - On August 17th 1993, peacefully after a long illness Gwendoline, aged 85 years. Deeply loved wife of Iverach and mother of Ian and Janet. Funeral Service at Beckley Church, Oxford, on Friday 20th August at 11.30 am followed by cremation. Family flowers only please. Donations to Beckley Church Fabric Fund would be appreciated, address The Vicarage, Elsfield, Oxford

MORGAN - On August 16th 1993, Edward Stephen, aged 86, of Thornton Dale (Pearl), loved husband of Evereld and the late Cecely (Thompson), former Assistant Commissioner Nigeria Police. Funeral, family only. No letters, please.

PARKES - Thomas Herbert (known to all his friends as Tom), genealogist. Husband of the late Gwendoline, beloved father of Jeremy, died peacefully after a prolonged illness on 16th August 1993. The funeral will take place at 3 o'clock Tuesday 24th August at St Marylebone Crematorium. Enquiries and floral tributes to A.W. Luck & Sons, 3 Church Lane, East Finchley, N2, tel: (0811) 883 2429

QUICK - On Tuesday 17th August 1993, very peacefully at Mount Edgcumbe Hospice, Susie aged 82 years of St Mawes, Cornwall. Much loved aunt of Angela, Patrick and Malcolm. Funeral Service at 10.15 am at St Mawes Church, Monday 23rd August, followed by private cremation. Will friends please meet at the church. Family flowers only. Donations in lieu if desired for Mount Edgcumbe Hospice may be sent c/o Funeral Directors W.J. Beswetherick and Son Ltd., Central House, Fairmantle Street, Truro, Cornwall, tel: (0872) 74021

RANSOME - On 16th August 1993, Mary Edith, at home aged 86 years. Private cremation. Southwold Memorial Service in September.

SAVDIE - On 16th August, Clement, peacefully in his sleep. He will be greatly missed by his wife Simone, daughters Michele and Nevine and family and friends. Loved by all. Funeral Service will be held at Edgewarebury Lane on Thursday 19th August at 3pm.

STOTT - On 16th August 1993, Professor Peter Frank C.B.E., suddenly in Cornwall. Beloved and loving husband of Vee, devoted son of Mabel and adored father of Andrew and Richard. Private funeral.

VEREKER - On 16th August, after a short illness, Barbara, only daughter of the late Fowley Vereker LI RN., peacefully in the company of friends. Funeral Service on Thursday 26th August at St John's Church, Church Row, Hampstead at 12.30 pm followed by cremation. No flowers but donations if desired for Cancer Research c/o The Royal Free Hospital, Hampstead.

WEST - Peter John Francis, on 16th August 1993, at Middlesex Hospital, London, after a courageous long battle against cancer. Much loved husband of Anna. Requiem Mass at the Church of the Immaculate Conception, Farm Street, London W1, on Thursday 26th August 1993 at 2 pm, followed by private burial. Flowers may be sent to France Undertakers, 45 Lambs Conduit Street, WC1, by 25th August.

MEMORIAL SERVICES

COOTE - John Oldham. Memorial Service, St Paul's Church, Covent Garden, 16th September 12 noon

ANNOUNCEMENTS

SARAH Dino Dingi - Happy 19th! Thankyou for a wonderful year James xxxX

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OBITUARIES

SIR ANTHONY BOWLBY, Bt

Sir Anthony Bowlby, second baronet, a former director of GKN, died on August 17 aged 87. He was born on January 13, 1906.



KNOWN affectionately by the workforce in GKN at all levels as "The Baron," Sir Anthony Bowlby carried into retirement the objective he consistently pursued during his career in industry — namely, the harmonisation of relations between management and the shop floor.

This underlay his agreement, after retiring from the main board of GKN in 1971, to remain with the company as consultant on industrial relations. During that time he led a campaign to bring harmony to the company with the slogan "Work together and we'll make it together". This campaign brought the trade unions into a joint working relationship with management with the aim of pressing on both sides of industry, and the government, the necessity of improving poor industrial relations.

His even-handed approach did much to ensure the success of the campaign. It consolidated the work he had done as an employer in the Engineering Employers' Federation (he was president of the West Midlands Association in 1970 and 1971). In this connection his international approach, in which he advocated the study of practices in Europe and elsewhere, and the use of any beneficial elements, was in contrast to the attitudes which then prevailed.

His professionalism was further demonstrated by the initiative he showed in 1962 in drawing together the group which succeeded in setting up business schools in the UK. The appeal committee set up by the Federation of British Industries for this purpose aimed to raise £3m to be matched pound for pound by the government, but in fact raised £5m.

Bowlby's success as an industrialist was the more significant since his background was not conducive to engineering manufacture. His father, the first baronet, a noted surgeon, made a major contribution to the techniques of military medicine in the first world war, and was appointed Surgeon in Ordinary to King George V. Anthony Bowlby, his eldest son, was educated at Wellington College and read physics at New College, Oxford. In 1929 he joined Guest, Keen and Nettlefolds — now GKN — where he subsequently directed the profitable fastener manufacturing and marketing divisions of the group. In recognition of his significant success in this role, he was appointed to the holding company board, the main board, in 1958. His charm and ability, together with a presence much enhanced by a small, pointed white beard, linked with his great capacity for work, helped him to maintain the profitability of the Midlands group both at home and overseas. He had a remarkable gift of numeracy which impressed clients and colleagues alike and enabled him to interpret complicated analyses with great speed.

He made a major contribution to the work of the British Standards Institution, becoming president in 1974 at a time when the institution was faced with particular difficulties. The phasing out of government subventions, and British entry into the European Community, made great demands on the BSI, and the need for a stable basis of financing was a problem which had to be tackled immediately. The proposals made and accepted by industry provided a framework within which the important work of the institution could be carried forward, and Bowlby's role here was a major factor in supporting an activity essential for British industry.

His growth as a leader owed much to his pragmatic approach, an approach based firmly on his invariable policy of developing direct contact with the shop floor. He was some years ahead of his colleagues in the industry in being prepared to respond affirmatively to union demands, requiring only that any increases had to be earned by commensurate increases in productivity and the elimination of restrictive practices.

At the time this approach was radical. It was only practicable by reason of the force of his personality and the respect in which he was held. A contemporary recalls that at a meeting with union representatives Bowlby agreed a concession, and asked if a letter confirming it was required. The reply was that this was not necessary. "Your word is good enough, Sir Anthony." This was a remarkable demonstration of good faith in the climate that was then prevalent.

His interests and friends outside the workplace were wide. In the years following the war there was a coterie in Birmingham which included the families of the Zuckermans, the Chamberlains, the Scotts, the Claphams (Sir Michael and Lady Clapham), John Morris (who worked in association with Issigonis on the Mini) and others who lived in or near Edgbaston, with connections with the university, which formed a lively group of technocrats. It was dispersed as industry and the individuals retired or moved away, but at the time it had an impact much wider than the group itself.

Bowlby, a passionate fisherman and a good shot, had an abiding interest in the countryside. One of his triumphant recollections was of an evening on the Stinchar river during a family holiday in Scotland when all the children of the family — three boys and three girls — caught a fish. His was, naturally, the largest. In 1966 he moved to Gloucestershire where he continued to pursue his interests in industry, and in addition became enthusiastically involved with the SDP. His main purpose was to sponsor and develop support for proportional representation both in local and central government. The fact that this cause had come to command wide public interest gave him pleasure in his last days.

He married the actress Evelyn Allan in 1930. She survives him, together with two daughters of the marriage. The baronetcy passes to his nephew, Richard Peregrine Bowlby.

ERNEST FERNYHOUGH

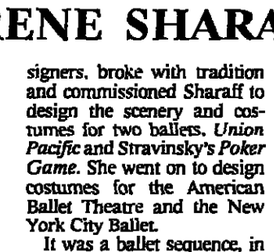
Ernest Fernyhough, PC, Labour MP for Jarrow, from 1947 to 1979, died on August 16 aged 84. He was born on Christmas Eve, 1908.

ELECTED to Parliament for Jarrow at a by-election in 1947, following the death of the town's renowned MP, Ellen Wilkinson, Ernest Fernyhough never matched his predecessor in terms of national fame. But he belonged to the old "salt-of-the-earth" tradition within the Labour party that has now all but vanished. A miner and then a shopworkers' trade union official before becoming an MP, he was always essentially a backroom boy — and was probably happiest in the two-and-a-quarter years he spent as PPS to the prime minister, Harold Wilson, between 1964 and 1966.

In January 1967 he was promoted to ministerial office as under-secretary at the old Ministry of Labour but for Fernyhough and his patron, the prime minister, this proved a much less rewarding experience. In his volume of memoirs recalling the record of his first government Wilson himself describes how on one occasion he watched, "with increasing anger" Scottish Unionist MPs "mauling Ernie Fernyhough, the mildest and most popular of junior ministers" at question time.

Fernyhough never really became a competent dispatch box performer and it was no surprise when, a year later at the age of 60, he was dropped from the government. Characteristically, however, Wilson discharged his debt of gratitude to his former PPS by arranging for him to be sworn of the Privy Council in his first Resignation Honours List of August 1970.

Born in the Staffordshire mining village of Wood Lane, Ernest Fernyhough was educated at the local elementary school and then, for a time, worked down the pits. He studied English, economics and British working-class history through the National Council of Labour Colleges and at an early age became an active member of the old ILP Guild of Youth. He never



forgot his early background and remained all his life a convinced socialist with pronounced pacifist views (during the war he served in civil defence and the National Fire Service).

His one rebellion in the House of Commons was to vote against German rearmament in 1954 — an offence that in those strict, disciplinarian days lost him the party whip. He was congratulated on his stand, though, by his own local party and the whip was safely restored before the 1955 election.

It may well have been this protest that first commended him to Harold Wilson, himself also a tenacious opponent of German rearmament. But the main reason for his recruitment to the prime minister's official entourage in October 1964 was undoubtedly the link he provided to the "tea-room trade unionists". Wilson's other initial PPS was the Cambridge graduate Peter Shore, and the new prime minister — at least at that stage — realised the importance of keeping lines open to all sections of the party. The fact that he was not an intellectual, if anything, strengthened Fernyhough's influence within No 10.

The relationship with Wilson remained a close one throughout — it was perhaps his proudest boast that, by once sitting up all night with the prime minister in Washington, he had prevented him from giving in to President Johnson's demand for the commitment of British troops to Vietnam.

After his retirement from the Commons in 1979, Fernyhough returned to live in what had been since 1937 the family home in Chester. He played a full part in local Labour party politics there, being a particularly strong antagonist of the European Community. It says something about his character — and also of the era which produced it — that he took to including the adjective "British" as the first word after his date of birth in *Who's Who*.

He married in 1934 Ethel Edwards. She died in 1977. A son and daughter survive him, one son having died in infancy in 1936.

SIR JOHN CRIPPS

Sir John Stafford Cripps, CBE, editor of *The Countryman*, 1947-71, died on August 9 aged 81. He was born on May 10, 1912.



THE son of Sir Stafford Cripps, to whom he bore a certain resemblance, Sir John Cripps looked set to follow in his father's footsteps when he stood as Labour candidate for Exeter in the 1935 general election. In the event the attempt was unsuccessful but the youthful Cripps was in any case determined to be his own man. "If you take after your father," he complained, "it is inevitable that you will become associated with his views, or everybody will set about exaggerating the differences."

His subsequent career concentrated on the preservation of the English countryside and the furthering of worthy policies through which landowners, farmers and conservationists — usually at loggerheads — could be persuaded to work together. The public, he felt, had a natural interest in such matters. The private ownership of land was not something that an increasingly egalitarian society would always endorse.

Cripps was eminently well-qualified for the task. The quintessential English countryman, he lived in the Cotswolds village of Filkins for 70 years and regarded it as a privilege to run a small farm there. He was a member of the parish council for 41 years and participated vigorously in local government at parish and district levels, serving as chairman of the Rural District Councils' Association, from 1967 to 1970.

At various stages of his career he was involved with almost every institution devoted to rural regeneration, not least as chairman of the Countryside Commission, 1970-77. For 24 years he was editor of *The Countryman*.

He had great faith in the ability of ordinary people to manage their own affairs and detested anything that smacked of condescension. Among his pet causes was the provision of proper accommodation for gypsies, the establishment of local museums, like the one at Filkins, and the protection of rare species of wild flowers.

From his father's old school, Winchester, Cripps went up to Balliol, Oxford, in 1930 where he gained a first in PPE. Michael Foot was a friend and would go for weekends to the Cripps family home. (Cripps always maintained that it was then that the young Liberal was converted to socialism.) As chairman of the University Labour Club and secretary of the Oxford Union he immersed himself in student politics, honing his debating skills on the then traditional tour of American universities.

After a spell at the New Fabian Research Bureau, Cripps made a visit to the Soviet Union with his great-uncle and aunt, Sidney and Beatrice Webb. The trio were well-received and suitably impressed by what they were shown.

On his return, Cripps fought and lost the hopeless seat at Exeter (although he doubled the Labour vote). He enjoyed the experience, but his mind was now turning to other things.

After making a study of rural milkmen at the Oxford Agricultural Research Institute, Cripps joined, in 1938, the small staff of *The Countryman*. There he learnt all sides of the business under the paternal eye of its founding editor, J. W. Robertson-Scott.

After nine years as an apprentice, Cripps succeeded as editor. He gathered about him a distinguished and well-informed group of contributors, many of them country people themselves, and tried to make the magazine more relevant to the rural community without compromising its broad commercial appeal. Under Cripps, the magazine came to be regarded as a powerful organ for sound countryside policies, widely read in Whitehall. He retired as editor in 1971 just after his appointment as chairman of the Countryside Commission.

This was an organisation which frequently had to do battle with ministers and vested interests in the countryside. Modest, self-effacing and not a natural with the media, Cripps made little initial impact. But gradually, through his quiet, persistent leadership, he began to steer commission meetings more effectively and to take the organisation through one of its most creative periods.

Many of the ideas that Cripps helped to pioneer came to fruition after his retirement in 1977. The national parks were better run, farming and conservation bodies often found themselves in agreement and public opinion pushed ministers to make noticeably greener noises. Cripps also formulated plans for footpaths through areas of outstanding natural beauty, and secured rights of way for walks along Offa's Dyke, the Pembrokeshire Coast Path and the North Downs Way. He was knighted for his services in 1978.

Away from the public arena, Cripps was a shy and private person, happiest with his family. But he contributed to the village life of Filkins in many unobtrusive ways. One of his more visible legacies was the renovation of obsolete farm buildings to provide workshops for local craftsmen, including weavers, stonemasons and furniture restorers.

As a Quaker, Cripps went through a painfully lonely period during the war. Registered as a conscientious objector he worked in his market garden, torn between loyalty to his convictions and love of his country. In later years he played a leading part in reviving the Quaker Meeting at Burford, and remained an active member to the end of his life.

He was twice married and is survived by his second wife, Ann, and by two daughters and four sons from his first marriage.

IRENE SHARAFF

Irene Sharaff, an award-winning costume designer for both Hollywood and Broadway, died in Manhattan on August 16 aged about 83. She is believed to have been born in Boston, Massachusetts, in 1910.

IRENE Sharaff's list of clients read like a *Who's Who* of show business. In a career spanning more than six decades she designed costumes for Gertrude Lawrence, Gypsy Rose Lee, Judy Garland, Mary Astor, Yul Brynner, Gene Kelly, Elizabeth Taylor, Rex Harrison, and a host of others. In all, she produced the clothes for 40 films and more than 60 stage productions, often designing the sets as well, and her work brought her five Oscars and one Tony award.

It was not what she set out to do. Sharaff originally wanted to be a painter, studying at the New York School of Fine and Allied Arts, the Art Students' League, and at the Grande Chaumière in Paris. For a time she did fashion illustrations for American *Vogue*, *Harper's Bazaar* and other magazines, but after a two-year stint as assistant to Aline Bernstein, designer for New York's Civic Repertory Theatre, she switched her aspirations to the stage and never left it.

Sharaff saw everything in terms of blocks of colour. "If I have a leitmotif, a logo," she said in a 1970 interview, "I suspect it is associated with the colours I prefer — reds, pinks, oranges — and with a certain cut which seems to reappear in many of the shows and films I've worked on."

She first attracted attention in 1932, when she designed both the costumes and scenery for Eva Le Gallienne's production of *Alice in Wonderland*, and from that point on the films and Broadway shows followed in a steady stream.

In 1934 the Ballets Russes de Monte Carlo, which had always employed Russian designers, broke with tradition and commissioned Sharaff to design the scenery and costumes for two ballets, *Union Pacific* and Stravinsky's *Poker Game*. She went on to design costumes for the American Ballet Theatre and the New York City Ballet.

It was a ballet sequence, in MGM's 1951 production of *An American in Paris*, which won Sharaff her first Academy Award for scenery and costume design.

In all she was to receive 15 Oscar nominations, and succeeded in winning the award in 1956 for her work on *The King and I*, in 1961 for *West Side Story*, in 1963 for *Cleopatra*, and for *Who's Afraid of Virginia Woolf* in 1966. Her Tony award was for the stage production of *The King and I*, in which Sharaff's brilliant use of Thai silk costumes so inspired the fashion world that it caused a boom in the silk industry in Thailand.

Though she designed clothes for some of Hollywood's most beautiful women, Sharaff tended to be dismissive about her clientele. "You can acquire chic and elegance," she commented in 1967, "but style itself is a rare thing. The only theatre people I can think of who have it are Audrey Hepburn and Betty Bacall. The one who had it to the greatest degree was Gertie Lawrence. She could make a sackcloth tied with a belt look stylish."

Sharaff's last film was *Mommie Dearest* in 1981, but she continued to work with stage productions and television. At the age of 79, in 1989, she designed the costumes for *Jerome Robbins's Broadway*, a musical that won six Tony awards, and was to be her final Broadway production. She leaves no known survivors.



The King (Yul Brynner) and his eldest son (Patrick Adiarte) wearing Irene Sharaff's costumes in Rodgers and Hammerstein's *The King and I*, 1956

Paul Henry

PAUL Henry, a Congressman whose hard work and moderate views made him a rising star in the national Republican party, died of cancer in Grand Rapids, Michigan, on July 31 aged 51.

First elected to Congress in 1984, Henry had increasing margins of victory in each of his runs for Congress.

In 1990 he was named one of the 11 "rising stars" by the *National Journal*. He was thought to be a strong contender for the 1994 race against the Democratic Senator Donald Riegle.

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ARMY REFORM.

Although no official announcement has yet been made with respect to the office of Commander-in-Chief, it is no longer a secret that the Government have practically decided to adopt the course advocated in *The Times* a few days ago. The place which is to be vacated in consequence of the approaching resignation of Field Marshal the Duke of Cambridge, will be filled by the appointment of Field Marshal Viscount Wolseley for a five years' term. The decision may be announced at any moment — perhaps this afternoon by the Secretary for War in the House of Lords. We rejoice to believe that the arrangements which have been advocated all along in these columns will be carried out in principle, but we are not under any delusion as to the magnitude and the difficulty of the task on which the Government are entering. The appointment of Lord Wolseley as the General Office Commanding-in-Chief is likely, we understand, to take effect not from the 1st of October next, but from the 1st of November, the tenure of office of the present Commander-in-Chief being prolonged for an additional month. The selection of Lord Wolseley is the first step, though only the first, in the path of reform. We have every reason to be confident that it will facilitate what remains to be accomplished. Lord Wolseley's position as a soldier stands above the level of controversy. His military career, both as a combatant officer and as a military administrator in time of peace, furnishes abundant proof of that energy which is the indispensable condition of the reorganization of the War Office and the Army on a sound basis.

It must not be forgotten that, as we pointed out last week, the appointment of Lord Wolseley as the principal military adviser of the Secretary of State can be only regarded as the beginning of the work of military reorganization. The method of decentralization or devolution recommended by the Hartington Commission, supported in our own columns, with certain modifications in detail, in the letters of "Venus", and accepted, with a few changes rather in name than in substance, by Sir Henry Campbell-Bannerman just before he went out of office, has to be applied to the whole of a complicated administrative system. While Lord Wolseley's advice, as the head of the most important of the departments into which it is proposed to distribute the business of the War Office, will have very great weight, the responsibility for the distribution must rest with the Secretary for War. It may be assumed, however, that the position of the present Government is not different in essentials from that taken up by Sir Henry Campbell-Bannerman.

There is to be a devolution of authority upon the military heads of departments who are to be each responsible in his own sphere, but who are to constitute jointly a deliberative council to advise the Secretary of State on all military questions, and these appointments are to be for a term of years, with a power of extension where it may seem to be for the public interest. We may add that there is no reason why the decentralizing principle should not be carried much further.

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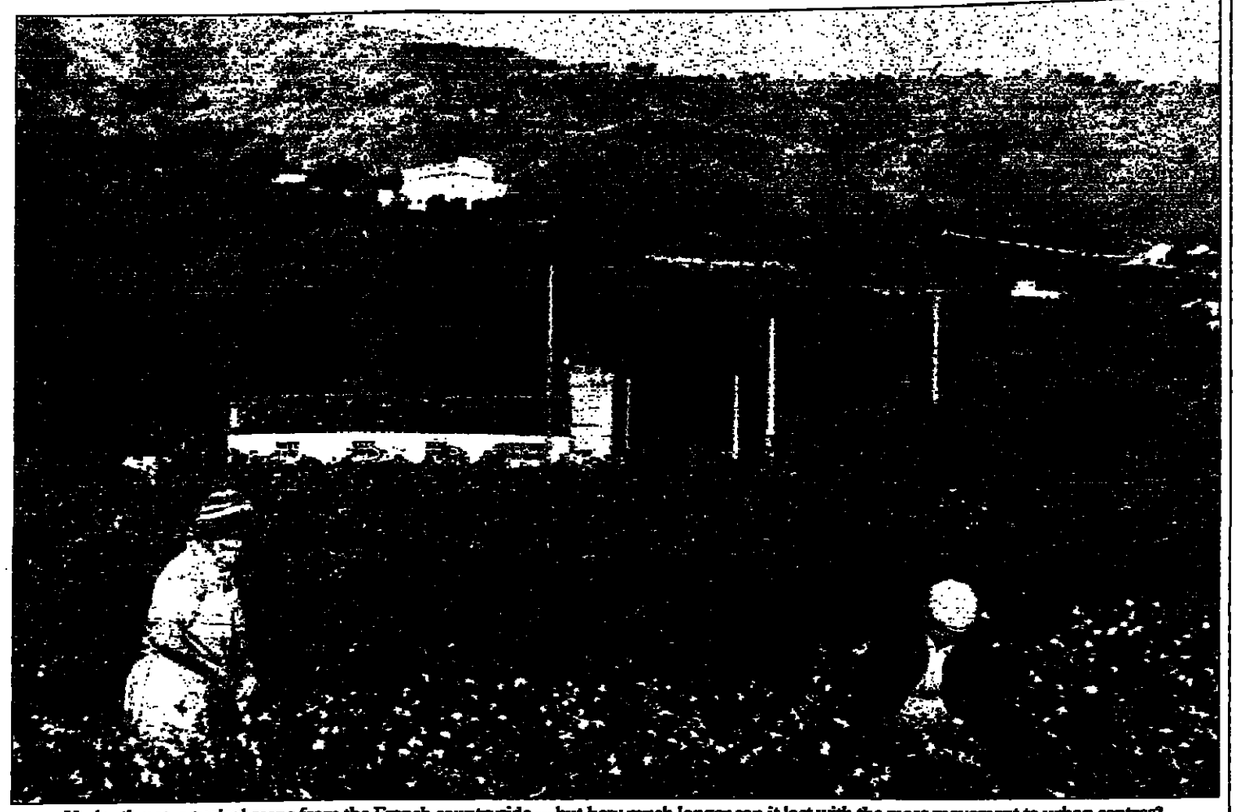
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While Lord Wolseley, a dashing and successful leader ("the very model of a modern major-general" as W.S. Gilbert wrote) favoured drastic reform in the army, the Duke of Cambridge, the Commander-in-Chief, saw things rather differently.

The British holidaymakers' vision of a timeless rural idyll across the Channel has almost vanished, warns **Tony Rocca**

See France while it is still there

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Under threat: a typical scene from the French countryside — but how much longer can it last with the mass movement to urban centres?

Large stretches of the French countryside and a way of life that is the object of longing for millions of francophile Britons are in danger of disappearing as massive social change and hard times hit France's farmlands.

The sleepy villages you see as you cross the country by car or train are getting sleepier — and dying. Abandoned by locals and often turned into holiday dormitories, some have lost all their permanent residents.

Restoring and maintaining such villages now provides locals with more work than farming. Almost their only means of life support is tourism, and the influx of city-dwellers for two or three weeks of the year.

With the end of the summer holidays in sight,some hamlets will close down for good. The National Assembly has been told that more than 1,000 villages are on the point of collapse, with scarcely enough people to keep them alive. Very few of the country's 31,000 rural communities can count populations of more than 400 and most of them are declining. All are certainly ageing and one resident in four is older than 60, according to figures released last week.

A government survey calls 40 per cent of the small communes that form the backbone of farming society "fragile" or "in crisis" — isolated from shops, doctors and community services. And the speed of change is equally frightening. Sixty years ago half the French population lived in rural areas; today the number is down to one fifth.

French rusticity still has strong allure for Britons, despite the fall in the value of the pound, and it is an important reason why the country is still top of the list of foreign destinations for British holidaymakers. With the Channel Tunnel opening next spring, house agents especially are banking on the romantic idyll continuing to prevail.

But anyone too romantically inclined towards dreams of pastoral France is likely to be disappointed. The fabric of rural life is being eroded daily as TGV trains, motorways and efficient communications shrink the map. Many tiny villages long ago lost their cafés, schools and even the small charcuteries, boulangeries, and patisseries of popular myth. For all practical purposes, life today centres on the regional hypermarket and services are available only in the metropolises.

The French attachment to their agricultural heritage and the huge political clout of the farming lobby are both impossible to overstate. *La France Agricole* is a reality even to the millions who form no part of it in a country where farmers still proudly call themselves *paysans*. Even to city dwellers, evocative tales of village life as recorded by Marcel Pagnol, a 20th-century Thomas Hardy, are still required reading.

As it is, the transformation from an agricultural to industrial society happened much later in France than in Britain. And the subject is all the more emotionally charged because for the past 30 years farmers have been urged to increase productivity — sheltered from market forces by the EC's farm policy and a hefty dose of subsidies. This though is now changing.

Some French farms, mainly in the north, have grown so fat on subsidies and are so overwhelmingly productive that the average farmer could now feed 30 of his fellow citizens (as opposed to only five in 1950). But smaller farmers are only just scraping by and 40,000 are in financial trouble according to Credit Agricole, France's biggest bank.

Having laid off many hired hands, farmers and their wives are now working long hours for poor reward. They fear that if they lose their subsidies large stretches of the country affectionately known as the Hexagon will be abandoned.

Prime Minister Edouard Balladur has ordered a temporary freeze on the closing of public services like schools and post offices in small towns. But with EC planners proposing to abandon two-fifths of the community's farmland to forest and brush because of over-production, the rural landscape seems condemned — which accounts for the ferocious rearguard action by French farmers and their infamous methods of protest. It has been calculated that a farm goes out of business in France every three hours. Since 1970 their number has fallen from 1.6 million to fewer than 900,000 and another 200,000 to 400,000 are expected to vanish before the end of the decade.

Farming today occupies only one in 20 of the workforce, whereas 33 years ago one French worker in four toiled on the land. More than a million farm jobs have been lost in 23 years, yet Brussels says the number of farm workers is still twice as high as the country needs. Meanwhile, young people have fled to the cities, swelling the urban apartment ghettos.

And what of Monsieur and Madame Dupont, Britain's *pastis*-swilling, beret-wearing, garlic-chewing neighbours? Forget the image straight away. They are consuming more fast foods and pre-packed meals than ever before, to the detriment of traditional foodstuffs, and buying four times as many diet foods as they did. Meanwhile, sales of beauty products have increased sevenfold in ten years.

The Duponts also emerge as couch potatoes. They watch an average three hours 19 minutes of television a day and hold the European record for the number of carpet slippers bought each year — 1.2 pairs per person.

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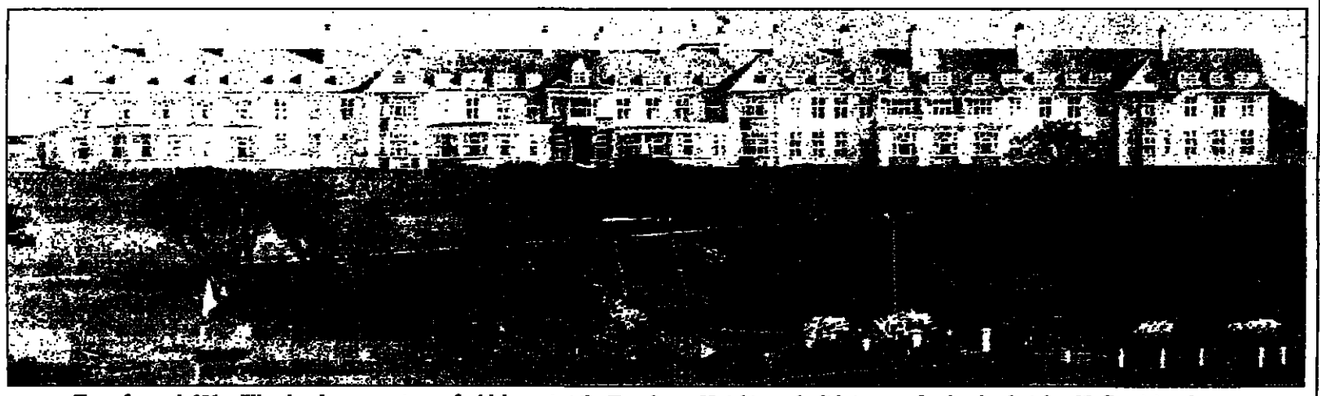
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Open season for a golfing mecca



Transformed: £26 million has been spent on refurbishment at the Turnberry Hotel to make it into one of only nine hotels with five AA red stars

Turnberry cashes in on the glamour of the Open and turns itself into a year-round attraction

When Greg Norman returns to Turnberry to defend his British Open golf title next July he will discover that the hotel which overlooks the Ailsa course has been transformed into a temple of hedonism.

Nitto Kogyo, the Japanese owners of the Turnberry Hotel — opened in 1906 as the first purpose-built golf and leisure resort in the world and still the only hotel in Britain to own its own championship course — have spent more than £26 million on refurbishment since they took over in 1987. As a result it now holds the title of hotel of the year, awarded by the magazine *Caterer and Hotelkeeper*, and is one of only nine hotels in Britain to have five AA red stars.

Every room has been booked by the Royal and Ancient for the competitors and their wives for next year's Open. But now the hotel has embarked on an ambitious international marketing drive in an attempt to fill its 132 rooms throughout the year.

The carefully-structured campaign to boost the image of Turnberry — rated third best golf course in Britain compared with the 27th place held by the much better-known Gleneagles — began when Prince Edward was persuaded to open the new health spa in October 1991 and was followed by the opening of the new clubhouse by his brother the Duke of York in June this year.

The old clubhouse has been demolished and replaced with a large, white-walled building where all the carpets are spike-proof to enable players to wander around in their golfing shoes. In a deliberate attempt to win over golfing widows, the hotel's new £6 million health spa has 25 treatments, including mud wrap, massage and aromatherapy, squash courts, 20-metre swimming pool, sauna, and fitness centre.

Despite having to close the course itself for a month before the Open, the publicity the event will bring should push occupancy well above its current average of about 60 per cent per year.

Already 30 per cent of the hotel's guests are from the United States, and with a growing number of direct air services to America from Glasgow and the increasing use of "free" tickets provided by businessmen who are members of frequent-flyer clubs, this is expected to increase.

In the meantime, British visitors who want to play on the same course as the Open competitors are being encouraged with a two-night package for £305 per person, including dinner, bed and breakfast and either a treatment in the spa or a round of golf.

HARVEY ELLIOTT

More families are going back to school for the holidays

Class acts to follow

Susan Kirby last week successfully completed a four-day course as a trainee circus performer — and became one of the growing number of parents taking their children, and sometimes their own parents, on holidays back at school.

There are hundreds of courses concentrating on family holidays. Many of them are provided by leading public schools with £12,000-a-year Millfield, in Somerset, and £11,500-a-year Marlborough College, in Wiltshire, among the market leaders.

Ms Kirby, a market researcher from Covent Garden, spent a week at Millfield with her nine-year-old son James and her parents Peggy and Terry Kirby, both in their sixties. From a selection of 350 courses, she chose circus skills and shooting, which cost her £64 and £75 respectively. James picked a £99 multi-activity course which includes sport, arts crafts and computers.

Mrs Kirby chose drawing and bowls for £64 and £85, while her husband opted for squash and woodcrafts, costing £64 and £75. Other more expensive courses are available, such as car driving for 15-year-olds at £155, clay pigeon shooting at £190, and hot-air ballooning at £240.

Residential fees for adults start at £140, with course fees on top. Children under eight cost £99, under 12, £130, with no charge for the under threes. There is a single-room supplement of £55 but pensioners receive a 10 per cent discount.



Millfield: summer school

This year Millfield, which restyles itself as the Millfield Village of Education for four weeks in the summer, has catered for about 3000 holidaymakers, most of them in families. Carolyn Steer, the secretary, says: "The trend for families to come here is increasing. At first they sent their children unaccompanied, quite liked the place, and decided to come themselves."

At Marlborough, where there have been about 1,200 guests over three weeks, Glynis Lewis, the summer school secretary, said: "We do have a lot of families but there are a lot of single people as well. It is also ideal for divorced parents who come with their children knowing they will be looked after."

New courses among almost 80 provided by the college this year included: painting plants and flowers, print making, tapestry weaving, patchwork and quilting, needlepoint, life and leisure of the elite in 18th-century England, inside Britain today, Greek drama, contemporary British poetry, journalism, piano, and German.

The all-inclusive price for accommodation in either new or recently refurbished boarding houses is £225 for children in a single-sex dormitory, usually near their parents' rooms, while adults pay £325 for single or double rooms with wash-basins.

David Gee, a circuit judge from Blackburn, has just returned from a week at the college with three of his children, aged 16, 15 and 13. "One of the advantages is that you can have a holiday without your family while at the same time being able to be with them," he says.

DAVID TYTLER

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Rough seas and cancelled sailings mean a fragile island economy is under threat

Weather threat on puffin island

Lundy Island, England's most remote and romantic holiday venue, needs fair weather without easterly winds for the next two weeks if it is to survive the current make or break year.

The island, famed for its bird life, which includes the quaint-looking puffin, lost £130,000 last year partly because appalling August weather prevented thousands of day-trippers from sailing to Lundy, 12 miles off the north-Devon coast.

As a result, the Landmark Trust, which leases the island from the National Trust, considered pulling out to concentrate its resources on the historic properties that it owns on mainland Britain, which would have left Lundy with an uncertain future.

It decided, however, to ask John Puddy, its agent on Lundy, to draw up a tight budget for this year. The staff had to be cut, restoration projects postponed and a new aggressive approach to "selling" the island introduced.

"The plan has worked so far and we are ahead of the budget," Mr Puddy said. "If the weather is kind to Lundy for the rest of August, and if we get more bookings in September, we should be able to look forward to a future."

A wedding party and a charter sailing earlier this month boosted visitors to Lundy, which is partly a hill farm but mostly a tourist attraction with a tempestuous history and variety of wildlife, inlcuding a colony of grey seals, around within its rocky shores.

Three and a half miles long and half a mile wide, it is served by the Oldenburg, a motor ship that costs £350,000 a year to run. Much of that money is recouped by taking day-trippers to the island four times a week in the holiday season, either from Bideford or Ilfracombe in north Devon.

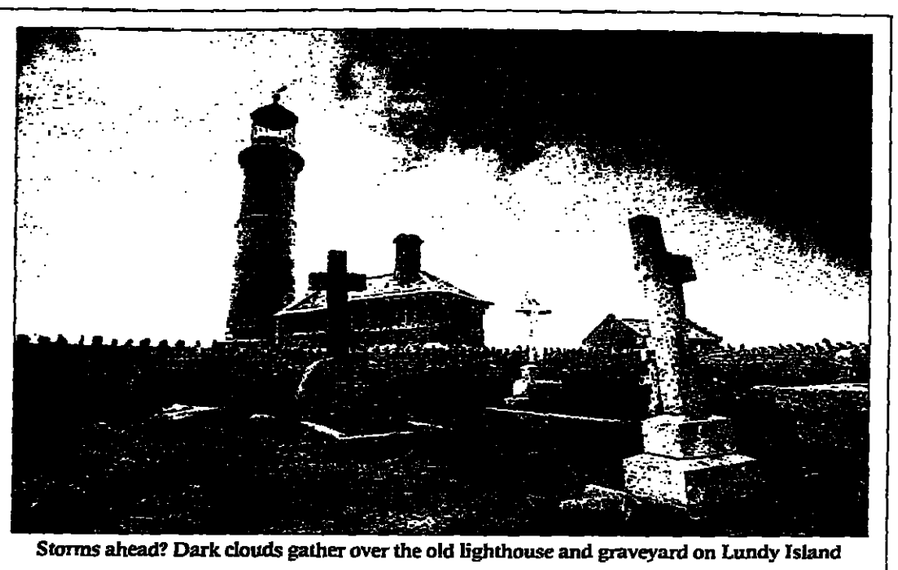
But Lundy has no harbour (it has no roads, televisions and hardly any telephones, either), so passengers have to be landed by launch while the Oldenburg anchors in a bay on the eastern side of the island.

In bad weather, especially with easterly winds blowing, the operation is impossible and sailings must be cancelled.

Lundy's biggest earner, however, is its self-catering accommodation, which ranges from a 13th-century castle to an early 20th-century Admiralty look-out post. A hostel and a small campsite means that 130 visitors can stay on the island.

Mr Puddy said: "People had to book for a full week which deterred some who feared that they would not survive island life for that long. This year we have introduced short breaks and bed-and-breakfast stays — and they have been a success."

TONY DAWE



Storms ahead? Dark clouds gather over the old lighthouse and graveyard on Lundy Island

Clean country in a dirty fight

Greenpeace is attacking New Zealand's image as a picturesque place of sheep, pines and lakes, reports **Marianne Curphey**

New Zealand's environment minister reacted angrily this week to claims that the country's "green, clean" tourist image had been tarnished by widespread spillages of cancer-causing chemicals.

The heated debate comes as the New Zealand Tourism Board in Britain reports a record number of holiday enquiries and predicts that the number of British tourists visiting the country will increase by at least 12 per cent this year. Greenpeace has upset the government, however, with a report claiming that up to 10,000 sites on the two islands may be contaminated with PCP, a dangerous chemical, toxic waste and other hazardous substances.

Rob Storey, New Zealand's environment minister, accused the pressure group of sabotaging the tourist board's £290,000 "A Different Down Under" British advertising campaign by exaggerating the problem.

Forestry work, and the timber industry, which used PCP to protect wood against insects and fungi, are being blamed for the spillages, leaks, and dumping that have caused the chemical to enter the soil and ground water. PCP was later banned.

The NZTB campaign in Britain has had a strong response; billboard and press advertising resulted in a record 9,500 holiday enquiries, and its campaign for travellers who "prefer Kiri (Te Kanawa) to Kylie (Minogue)" and "prefer friends to *Neighbours*" attracted 4,000 responses during its first week.

About 100,000 British people travel to New Zealand every year, compared with 360,000 Australians, and 135,000 visitors from the US and Japan each.

Gordon Jackman, Greenpeace's forestry campaigner, claims that rivers and coastline in tourist areas are heavily polluted and that government funds should be allocated immediately for a clean-up. He says: "Behind the clean, green image of sheep, pine trees and lakes, there is a hidden reality the tourist brochures do not show.

"Hundreds of timber-treatment sites contaminated with PCP are to be found throughout the country. Thousands more areas, including agricultural sites, may be polluted with hazardous substances. This is the single biggest environmental challenge that the government has had to face in its history."

One holiday camp at Christchurch, serving 7,000 people a year, was closed in April when several areas, including its children's playground, were found to be heavily contaminated.

The largest concentration of PCP has been found near the tourist mecca of Lake Rotorua, North Island. Greenpeace says the levels of dioxin (a chemical in PCP which can cause cancer, reproductive abnormalities, and immunological disorders) is 50 per cent higher there than in Germany's polluted lower Rhine.

However, the environment ministry says the worst-affected sites are already being cleaned up.

"Greenpeace is implying that there is chemical waste hidden behind each picture-postcard scene, but this is not the case," an official says.

Mr Storey believes the pressure group's message may damage tourism. He adds: "The hazards, although not insignificant in New Zealand terms, hardly rank in the scale of the problems faced by many other countries. It was the government that first drew attention to the problem by publishing a special task group study to inform the public of the situation.

"We intend to publish shortly guidelines on cleanup criteria and the government has spend NZ$1,049,000 (almost £500,000) on cleaning up and investigations."

Sean Murray, the NZTB's London-based regional manager, says: "I do not believe the Greenpeace claims will affect the number of visitors to the country because many of the sites mentioned are in remote areas, and the government appears to be taking the matter seriously."

Ian Kean, the NZTB's chief executive, vigorously refutes Greenpeace claims, saying that the 100,000 British visitors who visit every year would find the allegations "hard to believe".

He adds: "Our reputation as a young, fresh and contemporary tourism destination in the UK has never been higher and we are expecting record numbers of visitors to New Zealand this year."

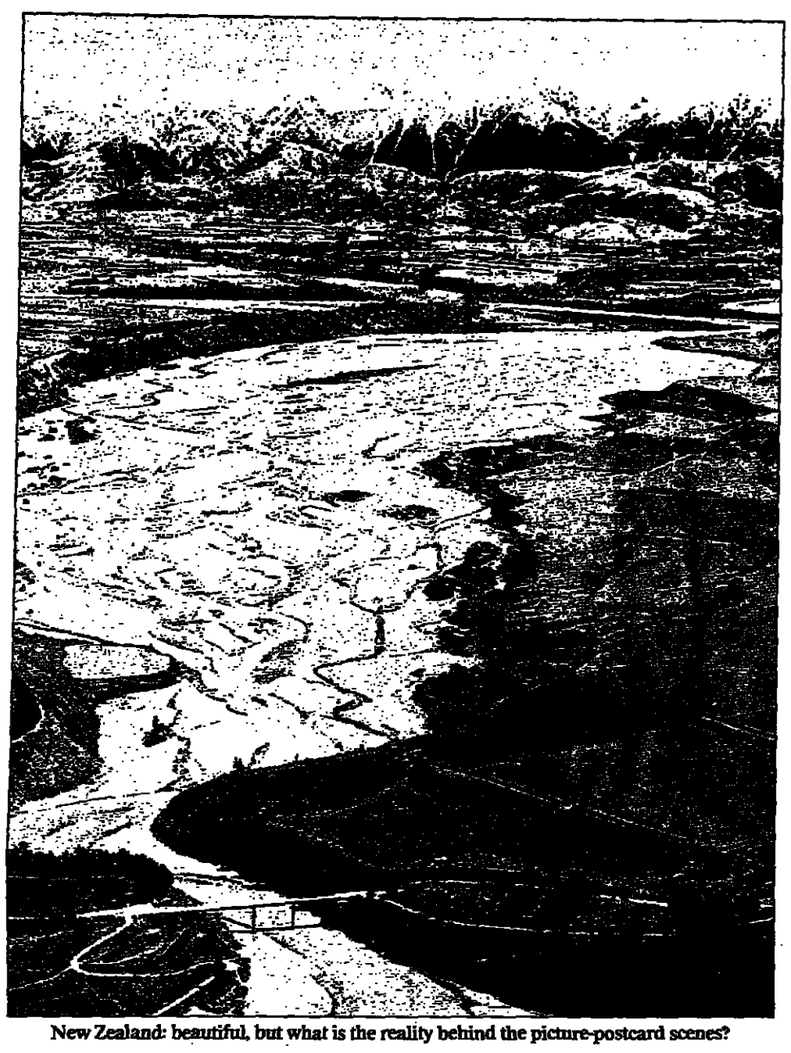
The ruling National Party is now publishing a draft document for public comment on the clean-up criteria for PCP. Greenpeace claims the move has in part been prompted by pressure from environmental groups in the run-up to the country's general election in November.

Mr Jackman says: "It is hard for New Zealand to face up to the fact that Lake Rotorua is more contaminated with dioxins than some of the most polluted waters in Europe and North America.

"Our country's environmental standards lag far behind those in the US and the EC with regard to the use of these particular chemicals."

New Zealand produces about 2 million cubic metres of sawn timber a year, 80 per cent of it pine, which until 1988 was treated with PCP.

A task group appointed by the environment ministry last August identified up to 600 sites where PCP may have been used to treat timber for fungi and insects. It estimated that about 5,000 tonnes of PCP were used over a period of 40 years, and that it was used at more than 70 per cent of the 600 sites where timber was treated.



New Zealand: beautiful, but what is the reality behind the picture-postcard scenes?

TRAVELOGS

Cater for yourself

UP TO half of all package holidays booked for next summer will be in self-catering accommodation, according to travel agent Thomas Cook. Tourists are becoming more confident about buying their own food from local shops and using their hire car to explore the country they are visiting. Ten years ago only 15 to 20 per cent of holidaymakers would have opted for self-catering. This summer 43 per cent have done.

Thomas Cook's claims are supported by the Economic Intelligence Unit whose survey found many of today's travellers to the Mediterranean drove their own car, and wanted to take their own food, bedding, television and hi-fi with them.

Nile dangers

EGYPT'S battered tourist trade suffered another blow this week with the rifle-shot attack, believed to be by Islamic fundamentalists, on a cruise ship in the Nile.

Although none of the 44 passengers on the Thomas Cook-owned *Royal Orchid* was hurt, the attack led to a big increase in security and frantic meetings between government officials and tourist leaders already worried by the effect of earlier outrages.

Thomas Cook, which is one of the leading tour operators to Egypt, normally takes about 9,000 people a year to cruise on the Nile but reports of violence had led to a slump of around 30 per cent in the number of bookings. Because the country had been largely quiet recently tourists visits had begun to pick up again in recent weeks. Three tourists have been killed and about a dozen injured in political violence over the last 18 months.

Heathrow lounge

British Airways is to open a new £1.6 million lounge at Heathrow for arriving passengers.

The lounge, which it is claimed is the first of its kind in the world, will enable passengers to freshen up after an overnight international flight with a shower while a valet irons their clothes.

The lounge will open next month in Terminal Four for the use of First and Club World passengers and allow the early arrivals to have a leisurely breakfast and use an office to make telephone calls and plan their day.

Disney keeps smiling

EURO DISNEY yesterday rejected allegations that the heavy losses incurred by the theme park since its opening last April may force its closure — either permanently or for three months after Christmas.

The company, which is likely to shut the 1,100-room Newport Bay Hotel this winter as it did last year, may also be forced to consider closing another hotel.

It claims, however, that bookings are good for conferences throughout the winter and blames its financial problems — a loss of £200 million this financial year — on the recession.

Now Euro Disney has launched a major promotional push to attract more visitors including a daily entry draw with the top prize of a Renault car.

When the new £14.99 *Beauty and the Beast* video is released on September 4 it will carry a voucher entitling two children free access to the theme park over the winter months (except Christmas), including transport and accommodation.

Champagne and pampered campers

Upmarket camping is enjoying more popularity than ever, despite the company forecasts

The *complet* signs at the entrance to many campsites in France this month belie complaints within the industry that this has been a depressed year.

The mobile homes and tents — complete with sprung beds and fully equipped kitchens — were all occupied last week at Camping Bel, La Tranche-sur-Mer in south Vendée, for example.

Like all the 270 Eurocamp sites in 14 countries across Europe and Scandinavia, but principally in France, Camping Bel is designed for camping cheats whose demand for comfort might raise the eyebrows of generations of scouts and guides. After a 20-year revolution in camping, campers and dwellers of mobile homes take their luxurious surroundings for granted.

So why, if camping has been transformed under the market leadership of Eurocamp, has the company endured a chill wind this summer amid the bright sunshine of its operations?

The so-called depression in continental self-drive camping and caravan holidays is relative. Last year new records were set in that sector of the market. Despite a 15 per cent forecast reduction in 1993, a total of 450,000 passengers will still have crossed the Channel by summer's end.

Eurocamp, which commands about 40 per cent of the market, still expects to make £6 million for the year to the end of October against its £9.4 million in 1991-92.



Popular: Camping Bel at La Tranche

The company, which floated two years ago, is still expecting to make more than 11 per cent net from its forecast of a £60 million turnover this year and, even though this is disappointing compared to last year, performance is still likely to be better than its competitors'.

Its flexible cost structure — allowing it to tailor pitch allocations to match bookings, and the high retention rate of its middle-class clients — might well render 1993 a mere blip in its upwardly mobile performance.

Camping and caravan holidays are not the down-market, cheap holidays they used to be. A profile of Eurocamp's customers reveals the average age of the party leader to be early forties, the great majority of them earning over £20,000 a year. About 50 per cent are repeat customers, some of them for 10 years. Another 30 per cent venture for tent or mobile home after being recommended it by friends. With the company's stock exchange listing, many Eurocampers are also shareholders.

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Ferry cheap deals

AN UNPRECEDENTED price war has broken out on the cross-Channel ferry market, this summer, with discounts of 50 per cent and a flood of free or £1 newspaper offers.

The two largest companies — P&O European and Stena Sealink — are slugging it out on the main Dover-Calais route, where P&O has 25 sailings daily and Stena 20. Hoverspeed, with 20 crossings a day, has had to join the fray.

The combined capacity represents space for 90,000 passengers a day as the ferry companies fight for market share ahead of the Channel Tunnel opening next spring.

"There is a lot of overcapacity on Dover," said Linda McLeod, sales and marketing manager for Sally Ferries, which operates five crossings daily from Ramsgate to Dunkirk.

"I think it is madness, particularly in the middle of summer. Nobody has destroyed the market on the Channel before — but they are having a good go this year."

P&O marketing director Brian Langford agreed. "It is the first year people can ring around and find discounts — and the signs are this will continue into 1994."

Sally guarantees to undercut any Channel crossing fare by £5, while it also ran a day-trip promotion with the Daily Mirror this week — to compete with rival Stena promotions, said Ms McLeod. Stena Sealink has a similar deal with The Sun. Previously, no ferry company has run cheap promotions in the peak season.

The bargain bonanza is not due to lack of passengers. Stena carried record numbers in the first quarter of the year and P&O became the first ferry operator to carry one million passengers between Dover and Calais in July — up 31 per cent on the same month last year — also a record. The company is also slashing fares from Portsmouth to Cherbourg and Le Havre by 50 per cent.

Offers direct from ferry companies (brochure prices in brackets): P&O: Five-day return Felixstowe — Zeebrugge £120 (£205); standard return Felixstowe — Zeebrugge £190 (£285) available for August, Sunday-Thursday crossings only; Portsmouth — Le Havre/Cherbourg £199 (£398) subject to availability, return before end of August. Stena: 10 percent off 10,000 return car bookings in August. Sally Ferries (Ramsgate — Dunkirk only): Will guarantee to undercut any fare by £5.

STEVE KEENAN

NEWS

Miners trapped by pit collapse

■ Five miners were trapped 2,000 feet underground as rescue workers dug with their bare hands through tons of fallen rock to get oxygen to them.

A sixth man who crawled to safety after the pit roof at Bilsthorpe colliery, Nottinghamshire, collapsed was in hospital with back injuries. The 100-strong rescue team made contact with one of the men were were unable to establish the condition of the trapped men .....Page 1

Foreign buyers boost stock market

■ Enthusiasm for British stocks and shares continued unabated as foreign buyers placed their bets on a sustained, low inflation recovery, but the view at home of Britain's economic prospects remained cautious and the Chancellor faced new calls to avoid raising taxes.....Page 1

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Universities face the prospect of rejecting thousands of applicants as record A-level pass rates present them with unprecedented squeeze on the most popular degree courses..... Pages 1, 7 and 15

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■ Ming Ming, London zoo's 14-year-old giant panda, is believed to be pregnant. She was artificially inseminated in April after a failed attempt to mate her with a male from a German zoo. Although there is no reliable pregnancy test, Ming Ming's keepers are hoping for what would be the zoo's first giant panda birth any time before October..... Page 6



History in flames: the Kappellbruecke at Lucerne, Switzerland, engulfed by a fire that wrecked the bridge and destroyed many of the paintings that had adorned it since the 17th century. Police arrested two people suspected of starting the fire on Tuesday

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■ Sir Bernard Lovell, Britain's leading radio astronomer, has turned his scientific genius to sorting out the ills of cricket

Just one more time

■ With the pop charts full of old songs, Alan Jackson names ten more that are ripe for a comeback. What's more, he knows just the singers to revive them

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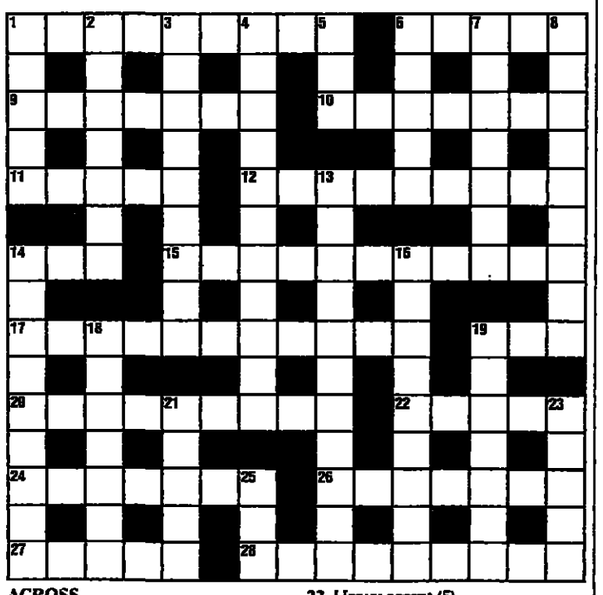
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— The Washington Post

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21 Girl glowing with love (5).
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25 Energy shown by a Union Territory (3).

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WEATHER

Early mist and fog will quickly clear away. A few showers in northern and northwestern areas. Thickening cloud will bring rain east across Northern Ireland and western Scotland this afternoon, spreading into the rest of Scotland and into northern England and North Wales overnight. South Wales, central and southern England dry except for drizzle near southwestern coasts. Outlook: Patchy rain spreading south, then brighter with showers.

ABROAD

MIDDAY: t=thunder; d=drizzle; lg=log; s=sun; sl=sleet, sn=snow; f=fair; c=cloud; r=rain

	C	F			C	F	
Ajaccio	28	82	s	Majorca	30	86	s
Alicatel	29	84	s	Malaga	29	92	f
Alex'dria	29	84	s	Malta	33	91	s
Algiers	30	86	s	Melb'rne	13	55	c
Amst'dm	21	70	s	Miami*	33	91	f
Athens	33	91	s	Milan	30	86	s
Bahrain	37	99	s	Montreal*	27	81	f
Bangkok	30	86	r	Moscow	20	68	c
Barbados*	29	84	f	Munich	20	68	c
Barcelona	30	86	s	Nairobi	22	72	c
Beirut	29	84	s	Naples	32	90	s
Belgrade	29	84	s	N Delhi	35	95	f
Berlin	19	66	f	N York*	24	75	c
Bermuda*	29	84	s	Nice	27	81	s
Biarritz	31	88	s	Oslo	17	63	s
Borde'x	33	91	s	Paris	26	79	s
Brussels	21	70	s	Peking	31	88	s
Budapst	26	79	s	Perth	21	70	s
B Aires*	13	55	s	Prague	19	66	s
Cairo	33	91	s	Reykjavik	10	50	d
Cape Tn	18	64	s	Rhodes	28	82	s
Chicago*	26	79	c	Rio de J	30	86	f
Ch'church	10	50	r	Riyadh	42	108	s
Cologne	21	70	c	Rome	29	84	s
C'phagn	17	63	f	Salzburg	21	70	c
Corfu	31	88	s	S F'risco*	22	72	s
Dublin	19	66	c	Santiago*	21	70	s
Dubrovnik	33	91	s	S Paulo*	24	75	c
Faro	25	77	c	Seoul	26	79	f
Florence	33	91	s	Sing'por	32	90	r
Frankfurt	23	73	s	St'kholm	16	61	c
Funchal	25	77	f	Strasb'rg	24	75	c
Geneva	27	81	s	Sydney	18	64	c
Gibraltar	25	77	s	Tangier	24	75	c
Helsinki	12	54	r	Tel Aviv	34	93	s
Hong K	30	86	f	Tenerife	27	81	c
Innsbruck	24	75	f	Tokyo	27	81	c
Istanbul	28	82	f	Toronto*	27	81	f
Jeddah	41	106	s	Tunis	32	90	s
Jo'burg*	21	70	c	Valencia	31	88	s
Karachi	31	88	c	Vanc'ver*	19	66	s
L Palmas	26	79	c	Venice	30	86	s
La Toquet	23	73	s	Vienna	22	72	s
Lisbon	27	81	c	Warsaw	18	64	f
Locarno	27	81	c	Wash'ton*	29	84	f
L Angels*	21	70	c	Wel'ngton	12	54	s
Luxembg	23	73	s	Zurich	20	68	c
Luxor	40	104	c				

Madrid' deadline figures are latest available

LONDON

Yesterday: Temp max 6am to 6pm, 23C (73F); min 6pm to 6am, 14C (57F). Humidity 6pm, 42 per cent. Rain: 24hr to 6pm, nil. Sun: 24hr to 6pm, 9.6hr. Bar, mean sea level, 6pm, 1,024.6 millibars, falling.
1,000 millibars = 29.53in

HIGHEST & LOWEST

Tuesday: Highest day temp, Cardiff 24C (75F); lowest day max: Lerwick, Shetland 13C (55F); highest rainfall: Cape Wrath, Highland 0.07in; highest sunshine: Eastbourne, E Sussex and St Mary's, Isles of Scilly 13.6hr

MANCHESTER

Yesterday: Temp: max 6am to 6pm, 21C (70F), min 6pm to 6am, 10C (50F). Rain: 24hr to 6pm, nil. Sun, 24hr to 6pm, 3.0hr

GLASGOW

Yesterday: Temp max 6am to 6pm, 16C (61F). min 6pm to 6am, 11C (52F). Rain 24hr to 6pm, 0.05in. Sun 24hr to 6pm, nil

AROUND BRITAIN

	Sun hrs	Rain in	Max C	Max F	
Aberdeen	3.9	0.04	18	64	bright
Anglesey	11.7	-	19	66	sunny
Aviemore	2.9	0.01	17	63	rain
Belfast	9.2	-	19	66	sunny
Birmingham	8.9	-	21	70	sunny
Bognor Regis	12.4	-	21	70	sunny
Bournemouth	13.0	-	21	70	sunny
Bristol	10.5	-	23	73	sunny
Buxton	11.6	-	19	66	sunny
Cardiff	13.3	-	24	75	sunny
Clacton	12.1	-	18	64	sunny
Colwyn Bay	10.4	-	18	64	sunny
Cromer	12.8	-	18	64	sunny
Eastbourne	13.6	-	20	68	sunny
Edinburgh	8.8	-	19	66	sunny
Eskdalemuir	8.9	-	19	66	sunny
Exmouth	13.0	-	18	64	sunny
Falmouth	12.0	-	19	66	sunny
Folkestone	12.0	-	20	68	sunny
Glasgow	9.4	-	18	64	sunny
Guernsey	12.0	-	20	68	sunny
Hastings	10.4	-	20	68	sunny
Hunstanton	13.0	-	18	64	sunny
Isle of Man	11.7	-	18	64	sunny
Jersey	11.5	-	21	70	sunny
Kinloss	1.4	0.02	19	66	rain
Leeds	9.4	-	22	72	sunny
Lerwick	2.5	-	13	55	cloudy
Littlehampton	11.3	-	21	70	sunny
Liverpool	11.9	-	20	68	sunny
Lowestoft	11.5	-	19	66	sunny
Manchester	5.9	-	20	68	bright
Margate	11.9	-	20	68	sunny
Morecambe	11.9	-	19	66	sunny
Newcastle	11.3	-	20	68	sunny
Newquay	13.5	-	21	70	sunny
Nottingham	11.5	-	21	70	sunny
Penzance	12.3	-	21	70	sunny
Plymouth	12.7	-	20	68	sunny
Salcombe	9.8	-	18	64	bright
Sandown	12.3	-	21	70	sunny
Saunton Snd	13.5	-	23	73	sunny
Scarborough	13.3	-	18	64	sunny
Scilly Isles	13.6	-	20	68	sunny
Southend	11.4	-	20	68	sunny
Southsea	13.0	-	20	68	sunny
Stornoway	0.7	0.03	15	59	shower
Swanage	10.8	-	18	64	sunny
Tenby	12.9	-	19	66	sunny
Tiree	5.5	-	15	59	cloudy
Torquay	10.8	-	19	66	sunny
Weymouth	11.9	-	19	66	sunny

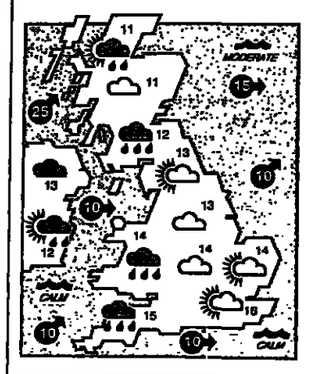
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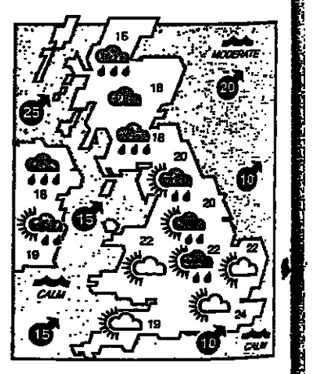
	Bank Buys	Bank Sells
Australia $	2.298	2.098
Austria Sch	18.79	17.29
Belgium Fr	56.05	51.65
Canada $	2.083	1.923
Cyprus CypC	0.795	0.745
Denmark Kr	10.94	10.14
Finland Mrk	9.30	8.50
France Fr	9.35	8.65
Germany Dm	2.671	2.461
Greece Dr	369.00	344.00
Hong Kong $	12.22	11.22
Ireland Pt	1.126	1.044
Italy Lire	2481.00	2326.00
Japan Yen	169.2	148.7
Netherlands Gld	2.00	2.77
Norway Kr	11.54	10.74
Portugal Esc	269.4	250.9
South Africa Rd	5.86	4.95
Spain Pta	215.3	201.3
Sweden Kr	12.48	11.68
Switzerland Fr	2.36	2.18
Turkey Lira	17992.00	16992.00
USA $	1.590	1.460

Rates for small denomination bank notes only as supplied by Barclays Bank PLC. Different rates apply to travellers' cheques. Rates as at close of trading yesterday.

AM



PM



LIGHTING-UP TIMES

London pm to am
Bristol pm to am
Edinburgh pm to am
Manchester pm to am
Penzance pm to am

Sun rises: am
Sun sets: pm
Moon sets am
Moon rises pm

YESTERDAY

Temperatures at midday yesterday: c, cloud; f, fair; r, rain; s, sun

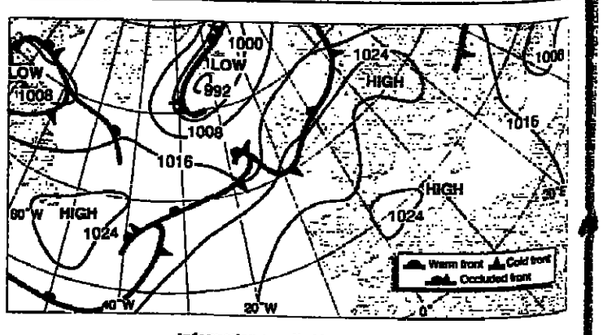
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Belfast	16	61	f	Guernsey	21	70	s
B'rmngham	19	66	f	Inverness	14	57	c
Blackpool	18	64	f	Jersey	24	75	s
Bristol	21	70	f	London	21	70	s
Cardiff	20	68	s	M'nchster	19	66	f
Edinburgh	16	61	f	Newcastle	19	66	f
Glasgow	15	58	f	R'nldsway	16	61	f

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HIGH TIDES

TODAY	AM	HT	PM	HT	TODAY	AM	HT	PM	HT
London Bridge	3 32	7 6	3.49	7 6	Liverpool	12 42	10 0	1 5	
Aberdeen	2 40	4 6	3 18	4 4	Lowestoft	11 3	2 7	11 4	
Avonmouth	9 8	13 8	9.25	14.2	Margate	1 39	4 9	1 49	
Belfast	12.22	3.7	12 51	3 3	Milford Haven	8 00	7 3	8.18	
Cardiff	8.53	12.7	9 10	13 0	Newquay	6 50	7.3	7 9	
Devonport					Oban				
Dover	12.25	6 6	12 50	7 0	Penzance	6 39	5 6	6.54	
Falmouth	7 11	5 3	7.25	5 6	Portland				
Glasgow	2 26	5.1	3 13	4 8	Portsmouth				
Harwich	1.29	4 1	1 46	4 2	Holyhead			12.4	6 8
Hull	7 53	7 9	8.26	7 8	Shoreham	12 37	6.5	1 11	
Ilfracombe	7.49	9 7	8.7	9 9	Southampton	12.15	4 6	12 44	
King's Lynn	8 8	7.2	8 46	7 0	Swansea	8 10	10 1	8.28	
Leith	4 7	5 9	4 43	5 8	Tees	5 14	5 8	5 45	
					W'ton-on-Nze	1 19	4 4	1 35	

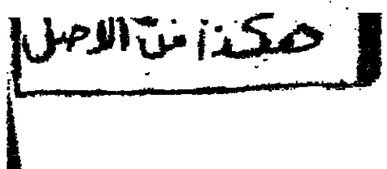
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SLOWDOWN



Marley says the pace of recovery has slowed. Pre-tax profits rose from £6.1 million to £13.2 million in the six months to end-June.

THE POUND

US $ ..... 1.5110 (+0.0165)
German mark .. 2.5415 (+0.0188)
Exchange index ..... 81.5 (+0.5)
Bank of England official close (4pm)

STOCK MARKET

FT-SE 100 ..... 3073.6 (+48.6)
Dow Jones . 3608.22 (+21.24)*
Nikkei Avge .. 20773.18 (-68.80)

INTEREST RATES

London Bank Base 6%
3-month Interbank.... 5 15/16-5 13/16%
US Federal Funds..... 3%*
3-month Treas Bills. 3.00-2.98%*
Long Bond 6.27%*

CURRENCIES

New York:	London:
£:$ 1.5125*	£:$ 1.5125
$:DM .. 1.6815*	£:DM 2.5471
$:SWfr. 1.4885*	£:SWfr... 2.2461
$:Ffr ... 5.9123*	£:Ffr 8.9390
$:Yan . 101.50*	£:Yen ... 153.44
£:SDR .. 1.0807	£:ECU .. 1.3148

London Forex market close

GOLD

London Fixing ($):
AM 372.85 ..... PM 373.70
Close 373.20-374.00
New York:
Comex 372.25-372.75*

RETAIL PRICES

RPI ..... 140.7 July (1.4%)
* Denotes midday trading price

Pound gains as funds flood into UK

Shares soar to record

BY JANET BUSH AND MICHAEL CLARK

SHARE prices soared to another record and sterling recovered from its recent slump as money, particularly from abroad, piled into British investments to take advantage of the low inflation recovery.

The FT-SE 100 index leapt 48.6 to close at an all-time high of 3,073.6, with dealers reporting a flood of funds, especially from the US and Japan. Sterling jumped to close at 81.5 on its trade weighted index from 80.7 at the opening and a close of 81.0 on Tuesday.

The National Institute of Economic and Social Research said in its latest economic outlook that it had not changed its forecast, made in November, for 2 per cent growth this year. It had, however, revised downwards its view of inflation, which it now believes will remain in the government's target range this year. It expects a continuing rise in economic activity next year and rather more rapid growth in wages and prices.

Such a positive near-term outlook has fuelled buying of British investments. Enthusiasm reached a new pitch yesterday, but the latest economic statistics sent broadly neutral messages on the economic recovery and the outlook for interest rates.

The headline annual rate of retail price inflation ticked upwards to 1.4 per cent in July from 1.2 per cent in June and the underlying rate of inflation, which excludes mortgage interest payments, also rose slightly, to an annual rate of 2.9 per cent from 2.8 per cent in June.

However, the Central Statistical Office said that the rise in headline inflation was largely because of effects from last year. In July 1992, seasonal food prices fell by an exceptional amount but, this July, fell by the smallest amount since 1983. In addition, a mortgage rate reduction which depressed the index last July, fell out of the comparison.

A measure of how depressed some retail prices remain comes in the clothing and footwear and household goods sectors. Taking the two categories in both June and July, which saw summer sales, prices recorded the largest drops since records began.

The CSO also reported a 0.2 per cent decline in retail sales in July compared with June. However, June's sales figure had been exceptionally strong because summer sales had been brought forward for lack of consumer demand and sales were still up by 4.4 per cent from July last year, the strongest annual rate of growth since March 1989.

Taking figures over the last three months, a better guide to the underlying trend of sales on the high street, sales were up 0.7 per cent on the previous three months and 3.6 per cent on the same three months a year ago.

The inflation and sales figures together can support arguments either for cutting interest rates or leaving them unchanged for a while. Those who believe further interest rate cuts are necessary say inflation remains at historically low levels and that retail sales are only as buoyant as they have been because of deep discounting.

Those opposed to rate cuts point to the health of the underlying trend of high street sales and the fact that inflation has now probably reached the bottom of the current cycle.

Share prices enjoyed their best one-day rise in almost seven months and brokers say the market will rise further.

A rush of buyers saw prices squeezed sharply higher to close just below their best of the day, helped by an opening rise on Wall Street, as 887 million shares changed hands. The advance was the biggest one-day gain since January 26, when the index jumped almost 64 points.

Dealers claim the rush for shares has been triggered by the Bank of England's decision to halt the issue of further tap stocks on the gilt market, for the time being. As a result, spare funds are being ploughed back into the equity market, with the bargain hunters focusing their attention on those sectors that have been left behind and contain companies with strong yields.

Among the sectors singled out for attention were pharmaceuticals, drinks, tobaccos and food retailers. There were gains for Zeneca, 32p to 695p, Wellcome, 55p to 733p, J Sainsbury, 12p to 505p, and Rothmans International 'B', 23p to 691p.

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HOT AUGUST



Bundesbank insists on the mark's anchor role

BY JANET BUSH, ECONOMICS CORRESPONDENT

THE Bundesbank has delivered a sharp rebuke to European countries that contributed to the breakdown of stability in the exchange-rate mechanism by questioning the mark's future as the system's anchor currency.

An article in the German central bank's monthly report, out today, reviews events that led to the abandonment of narrow bands for most ERM members. It points to such talk, and the mark's subsequent weakening, as a principal reason why German interest rates could not be cut more rapidly.

The Bundesbank says the end of large-scale intervention means it has "regained room for manoeuvre in its monetary policy" but is referring, at this stage at least, only to its day to day money market operations. The report gives no sign that near-term cuts in official rates are contemplated, despite yesterday's plea from the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development for Germany to cut rates.

The OECD said scope for lower rates had been created by the moderation of wage rises and increasing slack in the economy and noted that German rates were high by historical standards. It said GDP in Germany as a whole would drop by 1.9 per cent this year and rise by only 1.4 per cent in 1994.

The Bundesbank urges its partners in Europe to be circumspect in using their new flexibility in the ERM to ease monetary policy. It says that "the process of monetary integration in Europe need not be disrupted by the temporary widening of the margins of fluctuation". It adds that the second stage in the movement towards European monetary union envisaged at Maastricht will come into force on January 1.

In response to a rise in long-term German interest rates and a weakening in the mark in the second quarter, the Bundesbank says, it "had to take care to ensure that this trend did not culminate in a self-reinforcing process".

In late June and early July, French interest rates were cut to around German levels and French ministers made the mistake of questioning the mark's supremacy, one even remarking that France stood ready to defend the German currency in the ERM. The Bundesbank strongly hints in today's article is that it was exactly such comments which persuaded it to be even more cautious about interest rate cuts.

In one extraordinary passage, clearly aimed at France, the Bundesbank condemns sharp rate cuts in some European countries. "In June," it says, "when the Deutsche Mark weakened in the EMS ... and when the question of the future role of the Deutsche Mark as the anchor currency was briefly under discussion, in misjudgement of the real situation, central bank interest rates were cut further ... in a number of countries."

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De Larosière wins

Jacques de Larosière, Bank of France governor, has been voted successor to Jacques Attali as European Bank for Reconstruction and Development president. He gained 58 votes with one abstention.

Kodak to cut staff by another 10,000

FROM PHILIP ROBINSON IN NEW YORK

EASTMAN Kodak announced a further 10,000 job cuts worldwide, to save $2.8 billion. Analysts believe that is only half the number needed to refocus the film and chemicals company, which lost almost $1.65 billion in the first half of the year.

Kodak employs 6,500 in the UK, where turnover last year hit £1 billion. A UK spokesman for the group said: "We don't know how the plan will affect us."

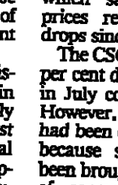
Kodak has its European headquarters in London, from which it covers operations in France and Germany. About a third of its UK staff is employed at a manufacturing plant in Harrow, north-west London, the remainder in Nottingham and Liverpool.

In the 1970s, Kodak employed almost 14,000 people in Britain. It latest job cuts are in addition to 2,000 already announced and amount to about a tenth of the 115,000 worldwide workforce. That could imply between 600 and 700 UK job losses.

This restructuring plan, however, comes from Kay Whitmore, who was ousted as chairman, chief executive and president by the independent directors last week and will leave the company when a replacement is found. Analysts expect the new man to axe a further 10,000 jobs globally.

Mr Whitmore has spent his entire 35-year career with Kodak and has led the group for three years.

Trade deal struggling up Capitol Hill



IRWIN STELZER

Europe still has its Common Market in spite of the effective demise of the ERM. President Clinton wants one for North America. So he is preparing to put the North American Free Trade Agreement (Nafta) before Congress. Agreed last week by negotiators from the United States, Canada and Mexico, the pact would eliminate most trade barriers among the three countries over the next 15 years, creating a single market of 360 million consumers. To satisfy environmentalists, elaborate enforcement procedures are laid out to diminish pollution; to appease US trade unions, the signatories agreed to enforce their nations' labour laws.

The trade unions, at least, are not buying the deal. Richard Gephardt, Democrat majority leader and union champion in the House of Representatives, says: "I cannot support the agreement as it stands." So the man who is responsible for pushing the president's programme through Congress may well be Clinton's leading adversary. Gephardt may, furthermore, be able to count as allies a majority of Democrats in the House. The president needs 218 votes to get the agreement through the House. Professional nose-counters say that he can count on 110 Republicans and perhaps 67 Democrats, leaving him 41 votes shy. The administration hopes to persuade about 30 more members of the opposition to support it, and somehow to cajole another 11 members of the president's party to go along. That will not be easy. For one thing, the president has little political capital left to spend. Most Democrats who went along reluctantly with the president on his economic package feel that they have done their duty by him. Having risked the wrath of taxpayers to save the president from a humiliating defeat, they see no reason to antagonise the trade unions.

The president faces three further hurdles. One is Ross Perot. The once and future presidential candidate has convinced his followers that the signing of the Nafta will be followed by a loud "whoosh", as American factories and jobs are sucked south of the border. The second problem is that the president will be asking Congress to approve the Nafta at the same time as he will be lobbying it to back his wife's costly and controversial health care package. As details of the reforms leak out, opposition grows. The reforms will be costly, requiring still more tax increases. And they will divert resources from the great majority now covered by health care insurance to the minority without such coverage. To persuade waverers, the president may have to look the other way if they decide to give him their vote on health care reform, but deny it to him on the Nafta.

That is the president's third problem: the impression in Washington that his heart just is not in the fight for the free trade agreement. This treaty was, after all, initiated by President Bush. Its support comes from business interests with whom the president has never been comfortable, while the opposition includes the trade unions and environmental groups that are his more natural allies. The president and his team have done little to erase the perception that the Nafta is not high on their list of priorities. Immediately after concluding the negotiations and announcing plans for a relentless fight to win over the Congress, the chief negotiator, Mickey Kantor, left on holiday. William Daley, brother of the Chicago mayor Richard Daley, has been picked to spearhead the search for votes in Congress. However, "the Nafta tsar", as he is derisively called, was not put in office by the president until this week.

Administration officials seem to be running away before the opposition fires its first shot. "This is not going to be like a campaign," one official told *The Wall Street Journal*. "It will be more educational." Others point out that the White House effort in support of the Nafta will not match the intensity of that made to pass the economic package, or that to be made to push health care reform through.

This president has changed direction before. So he may yet step up his efforts on behalf of the American consumers who would benefit from freer trade with Mexico. But with Perot nipping at his heels, and health care his top priority, he may decide to let this historic trade agreement sink quietly beneath the weight of Congressional opposition.

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Jet orders stand to bring £76m to Shorts

By Robert Rodwell

SHORT Brothers, the Belfast aircraft builder, has been given a boost by a sudden spate of orders for the 50-seat Canadair Regional Jet assembled in Montreal by Canadair, its sister firm in the Bombadier Group.

After a slow start to sales of the Regional Jet — following its launch during a recession — firm orders for no fewer than 34, with options on a further 34, were announced within 24 hours.

Shorts will also benefit from more sales of the Fokker F-100 twin jet airliner in which it is a partner.

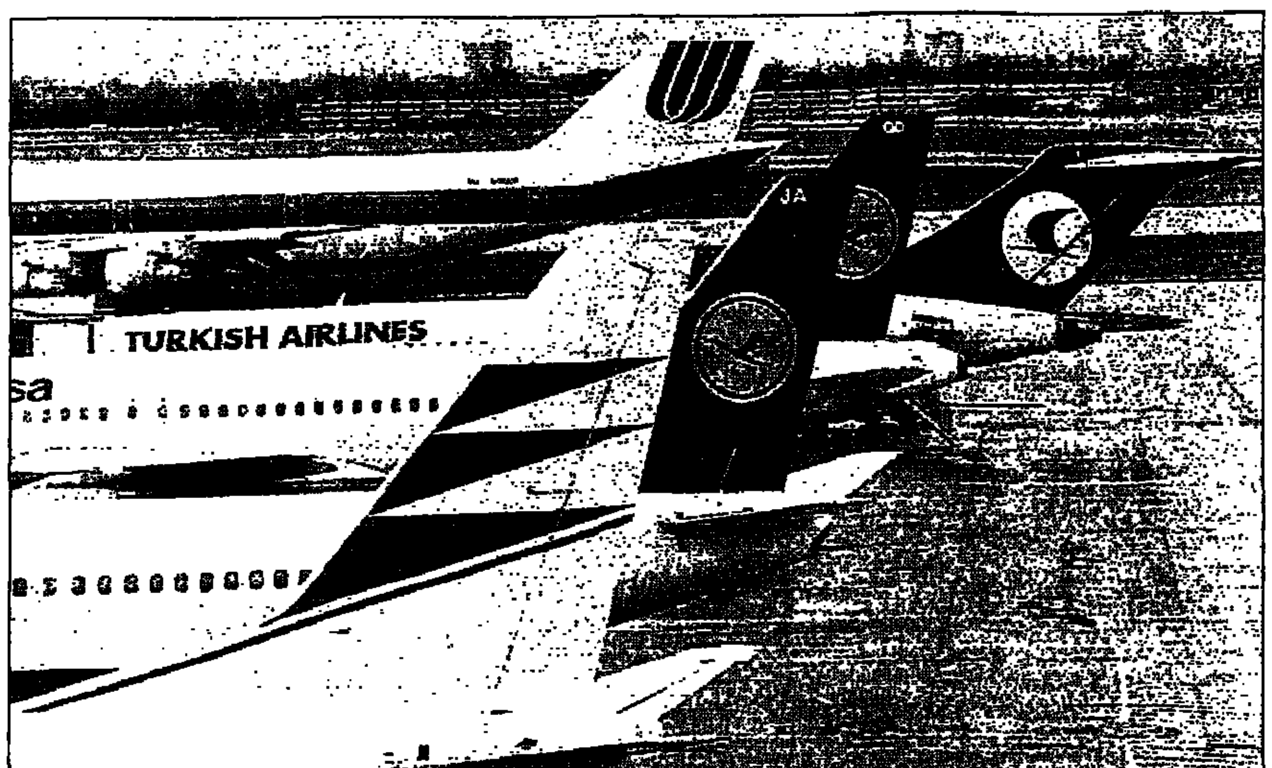
Air Canada is to buy 24 Regional Jets and has taken options on a further 24, while a firm contract for ten with another ten options has been placed by SkyWest Airlines, the Utah company.

Shorts builds the 32ft main fuselage barrel of the Regional Jet, as well as the flight control surfaces. The company is also about to begin producing engine nacelles for the jet.

Roy McNulty, the president of Shorts, said yesterday that if the options are taken up, the value of the work for the company in the two latest contracts would be about £70 million and would last three years.

The four-aircraft order for Fokker F-100s has been signed by Midwest Airlines, the Chicago operator, and will be worth more than £6 million to Shorts, which builds the wings.

The Midwest sale increases to 258 the number of F-100s that have been sold, with a further 113 optioned.



Sorry tails: airlines are being squeezed by over-capacity on popular routes, a price war and spiralling costs

Financial tailspin forcing airlines to raise fares

By Harvey Elliott and Chris Lockwood

AIR fares will have to rise sharply if airlines are to recover from the financial disaster they now face.

The scale of the problems were revealed in Geneva yesterday as statistics from the International Air Transport Association (Iata) showed that each passenger who flew over the last three years was effectively "subsidised" by about about $15 per flight.

The effect was to push losses among scheduled airlines to $4.8 billion last year and a predicted $2 billion this year, making almost a $12 billion loss over the past three years.

Much of the problem has been created by over-capacity on the most popular routes. Tom Murphy, Iata's director of financial services, said that over the past three years this has been the equivalent of 400 jumbo jets flying empty across the Atlantic every day.

The recession continues to have an impact on revenue yield, with passengers downgrading to economy or not travelling at all. Airlines have also faced higher costs. Airport charges have risen 15 per cent a year over the past five years, with navigation and air traffic control charges up 18 per cent.

Pierre Jeanniot, Iata's director-general, said it was unreasonable for the public to expect fares to continue to go down when airlines could not pay their own expenses.

He said: "Air fares have gone down by an average of 68 per cent in constant money terms in the last 20 years but there are no major productivity gains ahead of the airlines to guarantee continued fare reductions."

Carriers still have to invest in new aircraft to keep up with rivals. About 12,000 jets are likely to be bought between now and 2015, costing £850 billion — four times the value of the existing fleet. Mr Jeanniot said: "Finding $850 billion would be a challenge for any industry. For the airlines, this will be exceptionally difficult because of poor results."

Orders for new aircraft dropped to 467 in 1991 and to about 380 in 1992, compared with 1,218 in 1990. About 1,000 of the total world commercial fleet are in parking lots in the California desert and 200 of those are new.

Gas firms to highlight hazards of MMC view

By Ross Tieman
Industrial Correspondent

BRITAIN'S independent gas suppliers are to campaign to persuade ministers to open household gas supplies to competition from 1995.

The suppliers say that the Monopolies and Mergers Commission's gas report offers consumers the worst of all worlds by recommending deferral of full competition until 2000-2002, but suggesting that households bear the cost of parting British Gas from its distribution business. The suppliers will warn ministers that the delay proposed is hazardous politically.

The suppliers are likely to find a welcome at the industry department, where the energy minister, Tim Eggar, showed enthusiasm for deregulation with a threshold cut last year.

Peter Bryant, deputy chairman of Utilicorp, an independent supplier, said: "We can offer a reduction in prices for people using less than 2,500 therms a year. We think we can do it far faster than 1997." He could see no technical difficulty to necessitate the four-year delay suggested.

Kris Maroe, managing director of Alliance Gas, said: "How can the government explain to the people that elected it that it is only the largest households that are going to see the benefits of competition?"

The suppliers believe that the government will be unable to persuade British Gas customers that they should fund break-up of British Gas if denied the benefits.

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BUSINESS ROUNDUP

Paper plant considers £250m expansion plan

THE Aylesford, Kent, newsprint manufacturing plant operated by the SCA Group of Sweden, is considering a £250 million expansion programme that will create a further 130 jobs in Britain. SCA Graphic Paper, part of the £3 billion SCA Group and currently employing 7,500 people in Britain, and Mondi Europe (an associate of Anglo American, De Beers and Minorco), are in preliminary talks about what would be their first joint venture that involves a new paper machine in England with a capacity of 280,000 tonnes per year, based on recycled fibre.

The Aylesford plant produces 90,000 tonnes of newsprint annually. Expansion would take 18 months, and the new capacity could be in production by mid 1995. Negotiations to decide if the two companies will go ahead with their expansion plan, and the capital contribution of each party, are expected to be finalised before the year-end.

Allied-Lyons into India

ALLIED-LYONS is set to enter the fast-growing Indian drinks market, having won approval from the Indian government for a 50:50 joint venture with Jagatjit Industries, a leading liquor producer. India, where Grand Metropolitan is seeking a partner and Guinness has a link with United Breweries, is seen as a growth area for international drink groups. Allied said: "There is a strong trend among [India's] middle-class to drink imported brands as a sign of status."

Setback for Sherwood

THE difficulties at the Lloyd's insurance market have sharply hit half-time profits at Sherwood Computer Services. The damage was foreshadowed earlier this month with a profits warning from the group. Sherwood announced that in the six months to June 30, taxable profits fell to £541,000, against £1.75 million last time. The interim dividend is held at 1.75p. Almost a third was wiped off theearnings per share falling to 3.4p (16.7p).

No payout at Ransomes

RANSOMES, the lawnmower group, has passed the interim dividend for the third year running as it disclosed pre-tax profits had dipped to £1.21 million (£1.84 million). In the six months to end-June, losses per share deepened to 4.4p from 2.6p last time, partly due to sluggish trading in America, the UK and France. However, Ransomes says export sales were encouraging. Directors have also decided to postpone paying the convertible preference dividend due on October 31.

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Global Gth Sec	63.28	67.31	-0.02	2.33
Ethical Growth	67.66	71.97	-0.57	2.20
High Inc Equity	161.70	172.00†	-1.50	4.58
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European Inc	83.82	88.93†	+0.80	1.69
Exempt	941.10	971.50†	-13.30	3.93
Extra Inc	49.13	53.50	+0.50	4.88
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High Inc	417.10	445.80	+4.10	3.69
Equity Inc	231.00	246.90	+2.00	3.69
High Yield	257.60	275.30	+2.00	3.72
Balanced	684.60	731.80	+8.90	2.40
American Inc	49.12	52.50†	-0.45	3.03
Wld Asset Val	43.04	46.00†	-0.17	0.98
Japan	216.50	230.70	-4.10	0.01
Secs of Am	417.90	444.30	-3.30	0.57
AXA EQUITY & LAW St George's Hse, Corporation St, Coventry CV1 1QD. 0203 553231				
UK Growth Acc	335.90	357.40	+5.00	2.49
-do- Inc	238.00	253.30	+3.40	2.49
Higher Inc Acc	627.00	667.10	+6.10	3.51
-do- Inc	380.90	405.30	+3.80	3.51
Gilt/Fxd Int Acc	186.60	197.00	+0.80	5.73
-do- Inc	97.80	103.20	+0.40	5.73
Nth America	252.40	268.60	...	...
Far East	329.50	350.60	+0.90	0.15
Europe	247.50	263.40	+3.60	0.77
General Inc	457.40	486.60	+6.00	2.28
-do- Acc	501.70	533.80	+6.50	2.28
Brit Excell	68.08	72.43	+1.07	2.54
Brit Fndmtls Inc	74.26	79.00	+0.70	4.35
Brit Fndmtls Acc	95.69	101.80	+0.90	4.35
Global Opps	79.46	84.54	+0.39	0.10
BANK OF IRELAND FUND MANAGERS 36 Queen St. London. EC4R 1BN 071 489 8673				
Brit O'seas	261.80	275.60	-0.50	1.28
Capital Gwth	108.40	114.10	...	2.39
Worldwie Opps	163.20	171.80	...	0.55
BARCLAYS UNICORN LTD Gredley Hse, 1-11 Broadway, London E15 081 534 5544				
Capital	111.40	119.10	+1.40	2.72
Euro Gth Inc	124.40	132.00	-0.50	0.64
Extra Inc	115.80	123.90	+1.00	4.16
General	257.50	275.40	-2.80	2.61
Gilt Fxd Inc	61.25	63.32	+0.27	7.91
Income	522.00	558.30	+3.90	3.98
BARING FUND MANAGERS PO Box 156, Beckenham, Kent BR3 4XQ 081 655 9002				
American Gth	95.11	100.90	+0.30	0.10
Amer Smllr Cos	128.30	137.30	-0.90	...
Convertibles	56.30	60.21	+0.43	7.00
Eastern	197.20	212.60	+0.70	1.60
Equity Income	88.39	94.02	+0.86	6.20
European Gth	252.50	268.40	+3.40	1.50
Europe	162.70	173.60	+1.70	1.50
Exempt	87.46	89.78†	+1.28	3.50
German Growth	67.94	72.35	+0.49	0.70
Global Growth	114.60	122.40	+0.60	...
Japan Growth	216.30	231.40	+0.10	..
Japan Sunrise	188.80	202.20	-0.40	..
Portfolio	126.40	135.10†	+1.20	3.20
-do- Acc	227.20	242.90	+2.10	3.20
UK Growth	86.19	91.69	+0.24	2.80
UK Smaller Cos	89.07	95.26	+0.51	1.90
Select Managers	68.26	73.00	+0.48	2.00
BRITANNIA LIFE UNIT MANAGERS LTD 190 West George St, Glasgow G2 2PA 041 332 3132				
Balan Gth Acc	111.11	119.83	+2.49	1.87
-do- Inc	101.01	108.03	+2.26	1.87
Global Bond	30.77	32.64	+0.12	5.37
High Yield Acc	59.43	63.56	+0.61	3.50
-do- Inc	42.67	45.63†	+0.44	3.50
Smlr Cos Acc	101.10	108.13	+0.93	1.35
-do- Inc	92.92	99.38	+0.86	1.35
Amer Gth Acc	61.24	65.50	+0.27	...
-do- Inc	60.10	64.28†	+0.26	...
Euro Gth Acc	115.98	121.65	+2.13	1.07
-do- Inc	114.39	121.95	+2.10	1.07
Mngd P'folio	38.44	40.93	+0.19	1.29
Pacific Growth	111.43	119.18	+2.40	0.58
Intl Spec Opps	102.86	110.01	+2.22	0.67
BROWN SHIPLEY 8/17 Perrymount Rd, Haywards Heath 0444 458144				
Financial	140.50	149.60†	-0.90	2.90
Smaller Cos Acc	318.70	341.00	+1.90	...
Smaller Cos Inc	185.40	198.40	+1.10	1.09
High Inc	78.04	83.51	+0.65	6.28
Income	140.00	149.80	+1.20	3.67
Mngd P'folio Inc	99.08	105.50†	+0.40	1.88
-do- Acc	189.30	201.60	+0.80	..
North American	108.00	115.00	...	0.19
Orient	141.70	152.00	-0.10	..
Recovery	44.14	47.45	+0.37	2.36
German	44.89	48.15	-0.62	0.08
Intl Growth	36.45	38.82	+0.31	0.20
European Inc	23.25	25.02	-0.01	0.45
BURRAGE UNIT TRUST MANAGEMENT LTD 117 Fenchurch St, London EC3M 5AL 071 480 7246				
Str Gilt Fxd Int	68.02	68.95	+0.01	5.06
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Environ	142.50	151.70	+0.90	1.60
UK Growth	155.60	165.60†	+1.60	2.04
UK Income	137.60	142.20	+1.00	3.94
CANNON LINCOLN FUND MANAGERS 1 Olympic Way, Wembley, Middx HA9 0NB 081 902 8876				
SE Asia	93.59	100.10	+0.65	1.17
Growth	46.82	50.07†	+0.68	2.79
Income	57.57	61.70†	+0.35	3.99
Far East	53.41	57.12	+0.26	...
North American	94.34	100.90	+1.05	...
Global	92.64	99.08	+1.13	0.61
European	77.87	83.29	+0.94	0.62
Japan	127.10	135.90	-0.30	0.01
Intl Currency Bd	61.30	65.37	-0.09	5.82
UK Cap Gwth	86.50	92.52	+1.34	1.81
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-do- Acc	143.90	153.10	+1.00	0.32
European	71.57	75.83†	+1.16	0.77
-do- Acc	75.10	79.58	+1.22	0.77
Far East Gen	73.40	78.09	+0.34	...
-do- Acc	73.40	78.09	+0.34	...
Glenfriars	278.40	296.20	+2.60	0.64
-do- Acc	313.40	333.50	+2.90	0.64
Growth	402.30	430.20†	+3.70	2.16
-do- Acc	697.40	745.90	+6.60	2.16
Income Growth	399.50	425.00†	+4.20	3.64
-do- Acc	542.70	577.40	+5.60	3.64
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Euro Gth	90.45	96.42	+1.37	0.87
Far East Growth	101.50	108.30	-0.20	0.07
Global Bond	24.13	25.44†	...	5.87
Hong Kong	88.56	94.51	+0.89	0.73
Income	550.30	587.30	+6.20	3.64
Intl Growth	78.26	83.52	+0.20	0.17
Japan Growth	308.70	329.50	-1.50	...
Japan Smllr Cos	39.08	41.71	-0.01	...
Japan Index	89.91	95.95	-0.12	0.22
Nth American	445.50	475.50	+1.90	0.46
S'pore Mly Gth	60.54	64.61	+0.90	...
The Footsie Fd	114.20	120.60	+2.30	2.54
Tiger Index	153.10	163.40	+0.10	0.57
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-do- Acc	92.95	92.95	+0.01	5.13
PPT Europe	167.71	178.41	+2.71	0.72
PPT Mthly Inc Plus	51.21	54.49	+0.21	6.89
PPT Global Bond	88.44	93.98	-0.17	5.24
PPT Gold Com	60.79	64.67	-0.16	...
PPT Oriental Gth	62.03	65.99	+0.66	0.23
PPT Far East Gth	117.82	125.34	+0.99	
PPT High Yield	127.04	135.15	+0.80	4.09
-do- Acc	488.44	519.62	+3.07	4.08
PPT Managed	66.21	70.44	+0.74	3.15
-do- Acc	80.86	86.02	+0.98	3.15
PPT Smlr Cos	39.09	41.59	+0.24	1.49
-do- Acc	44.38	47.21	+0.27	1.49
PPT UK General	73.54	78.23	+1.05	2.29
-do- Acc	89.25	94.95	+1.28	2.29
PPT Japan	133.63	142.16	+0.55	
PPT N Amer	153.15	162.93	-0.16	0.03
PPT UK Gth	126.23	134.29	+1.93	1.74
PPT W'wide Gwth	62.38	66.73	+0.34	0.07
-do- Acc	65.08	69.57	+0.35	0.07
PPT Preference	51.19	54.45	+0.23	6.23
-do- Acc	267.36	284.96	+1.88	6.23
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-do- Acc	511.86	544.53	+3.15	3.42
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Fellowship Tst	63.98	68.07	+0.38	1.85
-do- Acc	72.13	76.74	+0.43	1.85
Income Fund 5	228.50	243.10	+1.10	3.99
-do- Acc	531.60	565.60	+2.50	3.99
Inv Portfolio	71.27	75.86†	+0.53	2.10
-do- Acc	81.21	86.16†	+0.60	2.10
Smaller Cos	134.90	143.60†	-0.80	1.10
-do- Acc	163.30	173.80†	-1.00	1.10
High Inc P'folio	64.96	67.32	+0.54	4.29
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Oriental Op Acc	88.90	94.57	+0.34	0.54
Japanese Acc	70.51	75.01	-0.66	...
UK Balncd Inc	135.00	143.60†	+1.40	2.40
-do- Acc	159.20	169.40†	+1.70	2.40
UK Growth Acc	218.70	232.70	+2.20	1.92
UK High Inc	144.20	153.40	+1.50	5.77
-do- Acc	174.50	185.60	+1.70	5.77
N America Acc	115.00	122.30†	+0.30	0.32
European Acc	172.00	183.00	+1.60	0.38
UK Pref Fxl Inc	62.60	66.37	+0.27	6.64
-do- Acc	103.00	109.20†	+0.40	6.64
Intl Sp Sits Acc	51.93	55.24	+0.14	0.21
Environmntl Opp	75.39	80.20	+0.55	1.53
EDINBURGH UNIT TRUST MANAGERS Donaldson House, 97 Haymarket Terrace, Edinburgh EH12 5HD. 031 313 1000				
American	115.10	122.30	+0.20	0.41
UK Smlr Cos	215.70	229.20	+2.30	1.09
Eurofund	40.58	42.96	+0.56	0.93
Mngd Exempt	175.80	183.20	+1.00	2.87
Growth Inc	229.80	243.10†	+3.40	3.09
High Dist	155.40	165.10	+1.70	4.54
International	344.10	365.60†	+3.00	0.89
Intl Income	86.03	91.84†	+0.22	2.83
Pacific	62.72	66.64	+0.08	0.45
Smllr Jap Cos	81.82	86.93	-0.06	...
Tokyo	234.60	246.10	-0.60	...
Japan Exempt	131.80	135.40	+0.70	0.37
Sm Jap Exempt	651.90	669.80	...	0.08
Equity Income	131.40	139.60	+1.50	3.58
Formerly Target				
Euro Spec Sits	151.30	160.10	+2.00	0.49
Financial	46.08	48.96	+0.31	2.46
Global Opps Inc	94.70	100.60	+0.60	1.98
-do- Acc	98.16	104.30	+0.60	1.98
Gold Gen Inc	51.64	54.87	-0.08	0.76
-do- Acc	99.11	105.30	-0.20	0.76
Japan General	180.00	191.30	-0.20	...
Preference	23.71	25.19	+0.10	7.22
Worldwide Cap	210.90	224.10†	+2.40	2.86
World Income	89.63	95.23†	+0.48	3.12
ENDURANCE FUND MANAGEMENT 41 Harrington Gardens, London SW7 4JU 071 373 7261				
Endurance	186.30	198.20	...	0.86
EQUITABLE UNIT TRUST MANAGERS LTD Walton St, Aylesbury, Bucks. HP21 7QW 0296 431480				
Pelican	114.16	120.17	+1.93	3.13
High Income	132.42	139.39	+1.31	4.37
Tst of Inv Tsts	166.10	174.84†	+2.20	2.08
Special Sits	89.99	94.73	+1.42	1.98
North American	107.26	112.90	+0.04	0.97
Far Eastern	264.20	278.11†	-2.39	1.58
Intl Growth	103.09	108.52	-0.24	1.13
European	69.58	73.24	-0.66	1.84
Smaller Cos	70.11	73.80	+0.49	1.94
FAMILY INVESTMENT MANAGEMENT LTD 16 West Street, Brighton, BN1 2RE 0273 220 707				
United Charities	238.00	253.20	...	3.43
FIDELITY INVESTMENT SERVICES LTD Oakhill House, 130 Tonbridge Rd, Tonbridge TN11 9DZ. 0800 414181				
Cash Unit Tst	100.00	100.00	...	5.40
European Tst	141.40	150.40	+2.80	...
High Income	27.42	28.85†	-0.09	5.79
FOREIGN & COLONIAL 8th Floor, Exchange Hse, Primrose St. London EC2A 2NY. 071 628 8000				
European	100.90	106.60†	+1.30	0.58
Far Eastern	150.00	161.00	+1.40	...
High Income	24.05	25.59†	+0.23	10.00
Oseas Income	91.38	97.76	-0.25	3.09
UK Growth	101.40	108.40†	+1.10	0.87
UK Income	109.70	117.30	+1.00	2.81
US Smaller Cos	269.90	288.70	+1.60	...
FRAMLINGTON UNIT MANAGEMENT 155 Bishopsgate, London EC2M 3FT 071 374 4100				
Amer Gth	50.56	53.73	+0.33	...
-do- Acc	50.56	53.73	+0.33	...
Am Smllr Co	450.70	481.90	+2.50	...
-do- Acc	460.40	492.30	+2.60	...
Capital	300.70	319.80	+0.60	1.57
-do- Acc	418.80	445.40	+0.90	1.57
Contl Smllr Cos	50.05	53.76	+0.25	0.12
-do- Acc	52.32	56.20	+0.26	0.12
Convertible	120.60	128.20	+0.50	5.62
-do- Acc	228.90	243.40	+0.90	5.62
Emg Mark	58.54	62.54	+0.56	...
-do- Acc	58.54	62.54	+0.56	...
European	103.30	110.00	+0.80	0.87
-do- Acc	107.50	114.60	+0.70	0.87
Extra Income	314.00	334.00	+2.20	3.70
-do- Acc	449.70	478.30	+3.10	3.70
Financial	117.10	125.30	+0.60	0.19
-do- Acc	122.60	131.20	+0.70	0.19
Gilt Gth Tst	68.62	70.76	+0.57	6.02
-do- Acc	88.67	91.43	+0.73	6.02
Health Fund Inc	120.00	128.20	+0.80	...
-do- Acc	120.00	128.20	+0.80	...
Income Tst	194.00	206.30	+1.20	3.37
-do- Acc	275.00	292.50	+1.70	3.37
Intl Growth	342.90	366.00	+3.10	..
-do- Acc	380.70	406.40	+3.50	..
Japan Gen	201.30	215.10	+0.10	..
-do- Acc	203.30	217.20	...	
Mngd P'folio Inc	97.19	102.30	+0.70	0.80
-do- Acc	102.30	107.60	+0.80	0.80
Monthly Income	162.60	172.90	+0.80	3.65
Qrtly Inc	52.91	56.28	+0.34	5.46
-do- Acc	53.67	57.08	+0.34	5.46
Recovery	311.60	333.20	+2.20	0.30
-do- Acc	366.10	391.50	+2.60	0.30
UK Growth	49.56	52.95	+0.66	2.37
-do- Acc	49.56	52.95	+0.66	2.37
FRIENDS PROVIDENT MANAGERS Castle Street, Salisbury, Wilts. SP1 3SH Dealing: 0722 411411 Administration: 0722 411622				
Equity Dist	369.83	393.44	+4.35	2.58
-do- Acc	755.20	803.40	+8.87	2.58
Euro Gth Dist	116.34	123.77†	+0.62	0.69
-do- Acc	120.41	128.10†	+0.65	0.69
Fixed Int Dist	141.16	149.31	+0.76	5.84
-do- Acc	238.70	252.49	+1.28	5.84
Intl Gth Dist	83.06	88.36	+0.03	0.62
-do- Acc	86.23	91.73	+0.03	0.62
Nth Amer Dist	175.40	185.81†	+0.28	0.88
-do- Acc	191.17	202.51†	+0.31	0.88
Pac Basin Dist	270.32	287.57†	-0.82	0.03
-do- Acc	275.48	293.06†	-0.83	0.03
Stewardship Dist	315.55	335.69	+1.73	1.85
-do- Acc	376.26	400.28	+2.07	1.85
Stwd Inc Dist	66.95	71.22†	+0.35	3.10
-do- Acc	83.47	88.80†	+0.43	3.16
N Am Stwd Dist	102.63	109.18†	-0.24	...
-do- Acc	108.58	115.51†	-0.24	...
GT UNIT MANAGERS Alban Gate, 14th Flr, 125 London Wall, Lond EC2Y 5AS. 071 710 4567 Dealing: 071 626 9431				
Am Sp Sits	143.60	153.60	+0.80	...
European	459.30	488.50	+8.50	0.88
Far East General	249.80	267.20	+1.90	0.27
Germany	112.10	118.70	+2.10	0.40
Global Assets Ir	73.86	78.76	+0.66	2.07
Global Assets Ac	78.10	83.28	+0.72	2.02
Income Inc	136.10	145.60	+0.80	6.08
International	309.40	330.30	+5.00	0.86
Intl Income	82.22	87.35	+0.19	4.56
Japan General	411.90	438.30	+1.30	...
Smllr Cos Div	48.96	52.37†	+0.37	5.71
UK Capital Inc	173.40	185.50†	+0.30	3.86
-do- Acc	299.20	320.00	+0.50	3.50
Uk Spec Sits	82.99	88.76	+0.54	1.43
US General	126.40	134.60	+0.80	0.10
W'wide Spec Sits	135.80	145.20†	+2.10	0.09
GARTMORE FUND MANAGERS Gartmore House, 16/18 Monument Street, London EC3R 8AJ. 071 623 1212 Dealing: 0277 264421. Services: 0800 289 336				
UK Growth Funds				
British Growth	47.16	50.44†	+0.31	1.29
Cash Trust*	129.90	129.90†	+0.02	5.12
Pract Inv Inc	112.39	120.63	+0.52	3.81
-do- Acc	241.27	258.97	+1.10	3.81
UK Smaller Cos	110.85	118.87	+0.17	0.77
Income Funds				
Preference Share	27.25	29.14	+0.06	8.00
High Inc	34.08	36.45†	+0.21	4.50
UK Equity Inc	136.23	145.70†	+1.08	3.73
Global Bond	30.49	31.59	+0.05	5.67
International Funds				
Gold Intl	92.90	99.20	-0.97	0.42
Frontier Markets	45.93	49.25	+0.57	0.12
Global Inc Gth	125.79	134.13	+0.86	1.70
UK Intl	125.78	134.52	+1.15	0.33
Overseas Funds				
American	133.70	142.75	+0.51	0.43
European	88.87	94.24	+1.25	0.91
Euro Sel Opps	107.08	114.19†	+1.81	0.64
American Emerg	88.80	95.23	+0.79	...
Hong Kong	123.58	132.53	+1.17	1.88
Japan	259.09	275.21†	-0.86	...
Pacific Growth	168.40	180.59	+0.80	0.36
GOVETT (JOHN) UNIT MANAGEMENT Shackleton House, 4 Battle Bridge Lane, London SE1 2HR. 071 378 7979 Dealing: 071 588 0526				
Intl Growth	134.41	143.76	-1.07	0.32
American Gth	133.48	142.76	-0.07	...
European Gth	72.07	76.83	-0.28	0.61
Japan Gth	88.80	94.98	-1.23	...
Greater China	150.60	161.07†	-1.37	2.85
Pacific Strategy	134.64	144.00	-0.78	0.30
UK Prog Inc	81.42	85.79	+1.62	4.69
British Growth	51.06	53.87	+0.23	2.47
UK Small Cos	46.10	49.30	+0.37	1.81
GRE UNIT MANAGERS 36 Harbour Exchange Sq. London E14 9GE 071 538 9668				
Cash	132.10	132.10	...	5.17
Gilt Fixed	132.90	141.10	+1.00	5.49
Growth Equity	312.70	334.00	+2.50	1.89
Guardhill	454.40	485.40†	+3.50	2.03
Income Trust	116.90	124.80	+1.10	2.97
International	170.10	181.70	-0.40	0.15
Japan Trust	139.30	148.80†	-2.30	...
Nth American	264.40	282.40	-0.50	0.39
Pacific	412.00	440.10	+0.50	...
European	381.80	407.90	+0.30	0.57
HALIFAX STANDARD TRUST MANAGEMENT LTD PO Box 600, Edinburgh EH15 1EW 0800 838868				
Global Adv Inc	37.29	39.53†	+0.10	1.49
-do- Acc	39.30	41.66	+0.10	1.49
Inc Adv Inc	31.11	32.98	+0.10	3.70
-do- Acc	32.64	34.60	+0.10	3.70
HAMBROS UNIT TRUST MANAGERS 5 Rayleigh Rd, Hutton, Brentwood, Essex Enquiries: 0277 227300 Dealing: 0277 690390				
Canadian	81.29	87.08	-1.09	0.94
Equity Income	120.20	127.90†	+1.10	3.28
European	142.80	151.10	+1.00	0.89
Intl Situation	80.47	85.61	+0.13	...
Japanese	156.10	165.60	-1.10	...
North American	98.03	104.00	+0.40	0.08
Scandinavian	131.00	138.50†	+0.60	...
Smaller Cos	31.68	33.70	+0.21	1.90
HENDERSON PO Box 2157, Kings House, 101-135 Kings Road, Brentwood, Essex CM14 4ET Enq: 0277 263290 Dealing: 0277 234772				
Amer Smaller	93.08	99.50	+0.73	...
Asian Enterprise	139.48	149.15	-1.28	0.96
European	413.40	437.52	+4.97	0.70
European Inc	75.16	79.50†	+0.93	2.46
Euro Sml Co	128.13	136.33	+1.03	0.68
Extra Income	280.66	298.79	+2.23	4.40
Family of Funds	75.56	80.54†	-0.27	1.01
Global Bond	58.43	62.49	+0.10	6.98
High Inc	313.61	335.24†	+3.46	3.70
Income Gth	255.97	272.60	+2.24	3.17
-do- Acc	662.11	705.14	+5.80	3.17
International	244.14	261.06	+1.25	0.70
Japan Spc Sit	270.28	287.64	-0.20	...
Japan	234.99	250.21†	-0.23	...
N Amer	226.85	241.41†	-0.70	0.07
Pacific Smllr Cos	212.05	225.58	+0.94	0.32
Pref Gilt	48.70	52.34†	+0.64	8.23
Smaller Cos Div	180.98	193.82†	+1.36	3.55
Special Sits	276.63	295.99	+2.95	1.87
-do- Acc	426.26	456.09	+4.55	1.87
Best of British	59.83	63.98	+1.08	2.15
Henderson TR				
American Gth	84.65	90.53	+0.50	..
Euro Spec Sits	51.86	55.30	+0.82	0.86
-do- Acc	54.91	58.55	+0.87	0.86
Far East Opps	35.28	37.74	+0.21	0.57
-do- Acc	36.32	38.86	+0.23	0.57
General Growth	104.99	112.28†	+1.98	2.31
Global Tech	135.99	145.50	+0.74	..
Income Growth	109.47	117.07†	+1.08	3.46
Income Monthly	60.21	64.39†	...	5.25
Japan Growth	92.46	98.65	-0.08	.
Overseas Gth				
Smaller Cos	76.39	81.73	+0.31	1.70
Special Opps	112.00	120.42†	+1.44	1.06
Wld Spec Sits	54.15	58.09†	...	0.46
-do- Acc	54.27	58.22	...	0.46
HILL SAMUEL UT MANAGERS NLA Tower Addiscombe Road, Croydon 081 686 4355				
British	92.19	98.59	+1.13	2.12
Capital	163.50	174.80†	+2.90	1.79
Dollar	323.80	346.30	+1.80	0.01
European	212.70	227.40†	+3.70	0.56
Far East	256.10	273.90	+3.40	0.23
Financial	776.70	830.50	+5.20	1.80
Gilt Fxd Int Inc	27.39	28.45†	+0.06	7.22
High Yield	110.40	118.00	+0.90	4.19
Income	144.60	154.60	+1.60	3.09
Intl	228.40	244.20†	+2.10	0.18
Japan Tech	78.83	84.31	-0.09	...
Nat Resources	63.30	67.70	-0.18	0.42
Security	314.50	336.30	+4.20	1.82
Smaller Cos	117.40	125.50	+0.70	1.14
Special Sits	146.30	156.40	+1.60	1.51
US Smaller Cos	73.55	78.66	+0.44	...
INVESCO FUND MANAGERS LTD 11 Devonshire Square, London EC2M 4YR 071 626 3434. Dealing: 0800 010733				
UK Specialist Trusts				
Smaller Cos	26.48	28.30†	+0.12	1.25
Special Features	29.92	31.70	+0.32	1.84
-do- Acc	35.33	37.53	+0.38	1.84
General Funds				
UK Growth	56.80	60.71	+0.83	2.00
Assets Earnings	74.98	79.66†	+1.03	2.20
-do- Acc	89.24	94.81†	+1.21	2.21
Managed Invest	94.86	101.20	+0.80	1.09
Rupert Children	79.71	84.94	+1.19	2.06
High Income Funds				
Cashbox	50.08	50.08†	+0.01	4.46
Extra Inc	86.27	92.20†	+0.51	4.56
Gilt	29.33	30.86	+0.17	6.28
Income Gth	41.88	44.65	+0.33	3.39
MIMstar	80.61	82.37	+0.31	7.64
Preference	18.50	19.65†	+0.02	8.44
UK Income	333.20	353.90	+2.50	2.89
Sector Specialist Funds				
Finci Sec	63.30	67.35	+0.38	1.19
Property Shares	70.66	76.02	+0.53	1.51
Exempt Funds				
Exempt	156.40	164.00	-0.80	3.94
European Acc	125.30	132.60	+2.00	1.47
European Dist	119.20	126.20	+1.90	1.47
Overseas Growth Funds				
American Gth	49.99	53.17	+0.43	0.95
European Perf	127.70	135.30†	+2.30	0.06
-do- Acc	131.70	139.70†	+2.30	0.06
Euro Small Cos	23.40	24.80	+0.24	0.62
French Growth	72.22	76.78	+1.03	0.48
-do- Acc	77.15	82.02	+1.09	0.48
Hong K/China	74.71	79.37	+0.39	1.56
Intl Growth	56.08	59.58	+0.55	0.67
-do- Acc	56.08	59.58	+0.55	0.67
Japan Perf	38.17	40.55	+0.13	..
Accum Units	38.17	40.56	+0.13	...
Japan Smllr Cos	42.42	45.12	-0.06	..
Singapore Asean	90.82	96.49†	+1.12	0.32
-do- Acc	91.47	97.18†	+1.13	0.31
South East Asia	251.20	267.40	-2.40	0.64
US Smllr Cos	109.20	116.00	+0.60	...
-do- Acc	110.40	117.30	+0.60	...
Overseas Income Funds				
Global Inc	89.85	95.84	+0.82	2.45
Intl Bond	59.30	60.24†	+0.11	5.56
KLEINWORT BENSON UNIT TRUST LTD 10 Fenchurch Street, London EC3 071 956 6600. Dealing: 071 956 7354				
Income Trusts				
Cash Acc*	70.04	70.39†	+0.01	5.03
Extra Income	56.20	59.79	+0.72	6.46
Gilt Yield	125.20	132.10	+0.50	6.84
Global Income	211.50	225.00†	+3.51	3.89
High Yield	146.70	156.10†	+3.23	5.34
Smllr Cos Div	52.38	55.72†	+0.37	3.52
Capital Growth Trusts				
Amer Smllr Cos	94.28	100.30	+0.10	...
North American	78.24	83.23	+0.52	0.41
European	140.30	149.30	+2.30	1.50
Euro Special	82.46	87.72†	+0.57	1.62
General	278.40	296.20†	+4.70	3.01
Japan	472.70	502.90	-0.40	...
Japanese Special	264.40	281.30	+1.60	...
Master Acc	232.30	247.10	+2.00	1.25
Pacific	293.40	312.10	-3.20	0.52
Smaller Cos	103.50	110.10	+0.75	1.52
UK Equity Gth	40.35	42.93†	+1.32	1.63
LAS UNIT TRUST MANAGERS 113 Dundas St. Edinburgh EH3 5EB 031 550 5151				
European	80.06	85.17	+0.32	0.94
Extra Income	25.43	27.05	+0.25	3.35
Far East	30.13	32.05	+0.27	0.75
Income Gwth	75.92	80.77†	+0.89	2.60
Intl Growth	55.50	59.04	+0.08	0.63
Japan	72.73	77.37†	-0.83	...
Maximum Dist*	99.59	101.60†	-0.40	6.91
N Amer Equity	39.21	41.71	-0.05	0.27
UK Equity	92.05	97.93	+1.04	2.80
LAURENCE KEEN UNIT TRUST MANAGEMENT 1 White Hart Yard, London SE1. 071 407 5966				
Income Gth Inc	55.09	58.61†	+1.59	4.27
LEGAL & GENERAL UT MANAGERS 5 Rayleigh Rd, Hutton, Brentwood Essex Enq: 0277 227300. Dealing: 0277 690395				
Equity Dist	454.40	483.40	+7.20	2.56
Equity Acc	862.50	917.60	+13.70	2.56
Equity Income	98.70	105.00†	+0.60	4.43
European	102.00	108.50†	+1.40	1.20
Far Eastern	203.10	216.10	+0.70	...
Fixed Interest	55.95	59.52	+0.14	5.86
Gilt	96.88	102.70	+0.40	5.99
Global Growth	72.65	77.29	+0.40	0.41
Intl Bond	57.36	61.02†	-0.08	4.65
Japanese	80.24	85.36	-0.32	...
Overseas Equity	104.40	111.10	-0.30	0.05
Pacific Gth	94.09	100.10	+0.88	0.42
LLOYDS BANK UNIT TRUST MANAGERS LTD Mountbatten Hse, Chatham, Kent ME4 4JF 0634 834313				
Balanced	328.00	349.00	...	2.77
-do- Acc	720.40	766.40	...	2.77
Contl Euro Gth	55.01	57.91	...	1.08
-do- Acc	58.17	61.24	...	1.08
Extra Inc	250.70	266.80	...	3.53
-do- Acc	619.70	659.30	...	3.53
German Gth	111.80	117.70	...	0.01
-do- Acc	117.20	123.40	...	0.01
Growth Port	510.70	543.30	...	0.54
-do- Acc	510.70	543.30	...	0.54
Income	475.90	506.30	...	3.33
-do- Acc	1221.0	1299.0	...	3.33
Income Port	508.50	541.00	...	4.22
-do- Acc	516.00	549.00	...	4.22
Japan Growth	112.30	119.50	...	0.01
-do- Acc	112.70	119.90	...	0.01
Master Trust	54.38	57.86	..	1.22
-do- Acc	59.87	63.70	..	1.22
N American Gen	192.00	204.30	..	0.01
-do- Acc	221.80	236.00	..	0.01
NAm Sm Co Rec	145.90	155.30	..	0.01
-do- Acc	148.90	158.50	..	0.01
Pacific Basin	217.30	231.20	.	0.67
-do- Acc	229.60	244.30	.	0.67
Small Cos Rec	317.00	333.70	.	2.60
-do- Acc	412.80	434.60	.	2.60
UK Growth	80.29	85.42	.	2.45
-do- Acc	94.60	100.70	.	2.45
Worldwide Gth	298.30	317.40	.	0.15
-do- Acc	439.80	467.90	.	0.15
LONDON & MANCHESTER Winslade Park, Exeter EX5 1DS 0392 282673				
General	81.95	87.93	+0.82	2.70
Income	66.13	70.95	+0.60	4.90
International	60.62	65.04	-0.01	0.70
American	60.47	64.88	-0.24	0.30
Japan	61.14	65.60†	-0.61	..
Tst of Inv Trusts	63.60	68.24	+0.37	1.60
M & G SECURITIES LTD Victoria Rd, Chelmsford CM1 1FB Customer Services/Unit Dealing: 0245 390390				
American Gen	391.50	414.00†	-1.40	0.89
-do- Acc	483.70	511.50	-1.80	0.89
American Rec	430.60	455.40	-0.30	0.18
-do- Acc	493.40	521.80	-0.40	0.18
Am Sm Co Acc	125.50	132.80	+0.60	..
Australia Acc	176.20	186.40	-0.40	0.88
Capital	708.90	749.70†	+4.60	2.25
-do- Acc	791.80	837.40	+5.20	2.25
Commodity Acc	460.20	486.60	-1.30	0.74
Compnd Gth	883.60	934.40	+4.90	2.50
Dividend	38.90	41.10	+0.30	3.82
-do- Acc	154.00	163.00	+1.30	3.82
Equity Inc	321.40	339.90†	+1.70	4.41
European Div	63.20	66.80†	+0.40	3.79
-do- Acc	73.20	77.30	+0.40	3.79
European Gen	414.50	438.30	-0.10	0.88
-do- Acc	520.70	550.60	-0.10	0.88
Extra Yield	413.40	437.30	+2.20	4.03
-do- Acc	1208.8	1278.3	+6.40	4.03
Far Eastern	323.00	341.60†	-1.60	0.56
-do- Acc	426.10	450.70	-2.10	0.56
Fund of Inv	565.00	597.50	+3.10	1.95
-do- Acc	1030.5	1089.9	+5.70	1.95
General	58.10	61.40	+0.30	3.34
-do- Acc	155.30	164.30	+0.80	3.34
Gilt Fxd Int	66.07	66.15†	+0.32	7.04
do Acc	168.43	168.64	+0.82	7.04
Gold	58.50	61.90†	-0.10	0.73
-do- Acc	68.80	72.80	-0.10	0.73
High Inc	27.90	29.10	+0.20	4.04
-do- Acc	104.10	110.10	+0.70	4.04
Intl Growth	73.00	77.20†	+0.30	0.67
-do- Acc	126.40	133.80	+0.60	0.67
Intl Inc	99.10	104.80	+0.30	4.36
Japan Gen Acc	57.00	60.20	-0.70	...
Japan Smllr Cos	166.00	175.60	-1.70	...
Midland	60.00	63.40	+0.40	2.93
-do- Acc	192.00	203.10	+1.30	2.93
Recovery	39.50	41.80†	+0.20	2.37
-do- Acc	62.90	66.60	+0.40	2.37
Second Gen	67.50	71.40	+0.40	3.14
-do- Acc	167.20	177.00	+1.10	3.14
Smaller Cos	62.70	66.30†	+0.40	2.89
-do- Acc	120.40	127.30	+0.70	2.89
Trustee	42.40	44.80	+0.30	3.54
Charibond 3	‡117.29	...†	+0.30	9.19
Charifund 2	685.10	692.00†	+4.70	4.85
Pension ex 1	903.80	928.40	+6.70	3.97
NAACIF Inc 3	848.45	...†	-0.20	7.12
-do- Acc 3	11195.8	...	-1.50	7.12
MARKS & SPENCER UNIT TRUST MANAGEMENT LTD PO Box 480, Chester X, CH99 9QG 0244 688066				
Inv Port Inc	145.30	155.30†	+0.84	1.89
-do- Acc	162.80	174.10†	+0.84	1.89
UK Income	121.60	130.10	+1.01	2.42
-do- Acc	137.50	147.00	+1.01	2.42
MARTIN CURRIE UNIT TRUSTS LTD Saltire Court, 20 Castle Terrace, Edinburgh EH1 2ES. 031 229 5252				
Emerg Mkts	88.06	94.18	+0.76	0.43
Far East	148.30	157.40	-0.40	0.15
Income Growth	75.29	79.93†	-0.44	3.34
European	74.94	79.55	+0.30	1.08
Nth American	57.63	61.18	+0.13	0.43
UK Growth	81.17	86.17	+0.88	1.99
Intl Growth	102.20	108.50	...	0.67
Charities	114.70	121.80†	+0.80	3.91
Intl Income	71.77	76.19	+0.26	4.92
Japan	60.05	63.75	-0.61	...
MERCURY FUND MANAGERS LTD 33 King William St. EC4R 9AS. 071 280 2860				
American	193.10	205.10	-0.10	...
-do- Acc	206.40	219.30	...	...
Cash	100.40	100.40†	...	5.53
-do- Acc	130.50	130.50†	...	5.53
Emg Mkts Acc	95.60	102.80	+0.60	...
European Gth	209.00	221.60	+1.30	0.72
-do- Acc	224.70	238.30	+1.50	0.72
General	488.20	520.80	+4.90	2.32
-do- Acc	928.50	990.50	+9.10	2.32
Global Dist	135.50	142.40	-0.60	5.13
-do- Acc	151.60	159.40	-0.60	5.13
Income	147.60	157.30	+1.90	4.33
-do- Acc	219.20	233.70	+3.00	4.33
International	414.00	441.30	-0.30	0.63
-do- Acc	550.60	586.80	-0.50	0.63
Japan Acc	211.50	224.30	-2.20	...
New Europe	151.40	161.50	+1.30	1.61
-do- Acc	153.80	164.10	+1.20	1.61
Recovery	305.40	325.80	+1.20	2.75
-do- Acc	385.90	411.70	+1.50	2.75
European Inc	75.88	80.41†	+0.06	3.03
-do- Acc	98.30	104.10†	+0.10	3.03
Bri Blue Chip	75.88	80.80	+0.87	3.12
-do- Acc	89.49	95.29	+1.03	3.12
Portfolio	77.86	82.80	+0.46	2.74
-do- Acc	88.53	94.15	+0.53	2.74
Gold General	142.90	153.70†	+2.00	0.61
-do- Acc	146.10	157.20†	+2.00	0.61
Pacific	98.90	105.50†	+0.30	0.79
-do- Acc	105.10	112.20†	+0.30	0.79
UK Smaller Cos	55.12	58.80	+0.28	1.85
-do- Acc	61.51	65.62	+0.30	1.85
MIDLAND UNIT TRUSTS LTD 192 Eyre Street, Sheffield. S1 3RD Dealing: 0742 528 200 Enquiries: 0742 529 076				
Balanced Dist	59.67	63.82	+0.40	2.55
-do- Acc	60.59	64.80	+0.41	2.55
British Dist	80.76	86.37	+1.06	2.00
-do- Acc	91.42	97.77	+1.20	2.00
European Gth	185.90	198.80	+2.80	0.02
-do- Acc	233.40	249.60	+3.40	0.02
Extra High Inc	73.40	78.50	+0.34	5.43
-do- Acc	131.30	140.40	+0.60	5.43
FT-SE 100 Index	50.73	54.26	+0.83	2.57
-do- Acc	51.49	55.07	+0.84	2.57
Gilt Fixed Int	58.96	61.37	+0.23	6.46
-do- Acc	157.40	163.80	+0.60	6.46
High Yield	233.90	250.20	+1.20	4.40
-do- Acc	549.20	587.40	+2.90	4.40
Income	293.00	313.40†	+1.90	3.10
-do- Acc	619.50	662.60	+4.00	3.10
Japan Gth	387.30	414.20	-1.60	...
-do- Acc	408.80	437.20	-1.60	...
Mandarin Acc	107.10	114.50	-0.70	0.79
North American	167.00	178.60	+0.70	0.51
-do- Acc	210.70	225.30	+0.90	0.51
MORGAN GRENFELL INVESTMENT FUNDS LTD 20 Finsbury Circus, London EC2M 1UT Dealing: 071 826 0826 Enquiries: 071 826 0123				
American Gth	275.50	291.10†	-1.20	...
Deposit Inc	99.98	99.98†	+0.01	5.86
Deposit Acc	123.43	123.43†	+0.01	5.86
Euro Gth Acc	316.80	338.30	+3.90	...
Europa	135.20	145.20†	+0.60	...
Intl Gth	182.00	194.40	-0.20	...
Japan Tracker	86.85	91.96	-0.97	..
UK Equity Inc	160.40	172.60	+1.10	3.83
-do- Acc	196.70	211.70	+1.40	3.83
UK Ind Tracker	149.60	160.10†	+1.80	3.01
US Eq Ind Trkr	194.30	206.00	-0.40	1.43
-do- Acc	205.50	217.90	-0.50	1.43
Asian Trader	172.10	186.50	+0.70	0.44
MURRAY JOHNSTONE UNIT TRUST MANAGEMENT 7 West Nile St, Glasgow G2 2PX. 0345 090 933				
American Inc	164.80	173.80†	-0.50	1.93
European	65.15	66.50	+0.46	1.49
Olympiad	59.81	61.34†	+0.13	0.23
Global Bond	48.63	49.19†	+0.08	6.22
Smaller Cos	69.59	72.63	+0.06	1.25
Equity Income	96.63	99.30	+0.75	4.95
UK Growth	86.99	89.60	+0.65	1.72
NM UNIT TRUST MANAGERS LTD The Bilton Centre, North Harbour, Portsmouth. Enquiries: 0705 372222 Dealing: 0705 387730				
American Acc	47.77	50.95	-0.11	1.13
Australian Acc	322.70	346.20	-4.20	...
Conscience	64.63	68.96†	+0.28	1.17
-do- Acc	69.76	74.45	+0.30	1.17
European	180.20	191.70	+2.80	1.09
-do- Acc	193.90	206.20	+3.00	1.09
Extra Income	76.50	81.64	+0.68	5.44
-do- Acc	117.40	125.20	+1.00	5.44
Far East Gth	181.20	193.60	+2.70	0.03
Gilt Fxd Inc	60.43	63.77†	+0.21	6.21
Gold	51.77	55.86	-0.44	...
-do- Acc	55.75	59.94	-0.47	...
Income	55.51	59.21	+0.41	4.75
-do- Acc	169.90	181.20	+1.30	4.75
International	31.41	33.70	+0.22	0.65
-do- Acc	45.13	48.42	+0.31	0.65
Jap Sm Cos Acc	383.30	408.80	+0.60	..
S'pore Mly Acc	211.20	226.40	+2.30	..
Smllr Cos Acc	26.05	28.01	+0.14	0.75
Special Sits	34.06	36.62	+0.42	1.67
-do- Acc	39.23	42.18	+0.49	1.67
Tokyo	95.63	102	-0.30	...
-do- Acc	96.60	103	-0.40	...
N&P UNIT TRUST MANAGEMENT LTD 35 Fountain St, Manchester M2 2AF 061 237 5322				
N&P UK Growth	69.98	74.45†	+0.71	2.62
N&P Glt Fxd Int	77.34	81.85†	+0.23	5.75
N&P Higher Inc	211.30	224.80	+1.80	4.32
N&P UK Income	107.90	114.90	+1.10	3.57
N&P Intl	93.61	99.59	+0.39	1.63
N&P Smaller Cos	76.17	81.04	+0.41	1.66
NEWTON FUND MANAGERS 71 Queen Victoria St, London EC4V 4DR 071 407 4404				
General	172.39	183.40†	..	2.02
Global	310.85	330.70	...	3.06
Growth	112.80	120.01	..	1.93
Income	212.70	226.28†	..	3.70
Intl Bond	136.64	145.07	..	6.76
PEARL UNIT TRUST LTD PO Box 508, Peterborough PE2 6BR 0733 470470. Dealing: 0800 626577				
Growth	143.00	151.50	+1.70	2.48
-do- Acc	255.00	268.40	+3.00	2.48
Income	233.10	248.00	+1.60	3.32
Intl Equity	237.60	252.80	+0.10	0.77
-do- Acc	260.10	276.70	...	0.77
Equity	227.10	241.50	+2.60	2.36
-do- Acc	465.50	495.20	+5.30	2.36
UK Intl 25 Acc	73.59	78.28	+0.50	1.87
UK Income	63.75	67.82†	+0.44	3.92
UK Smllr Co Acc	79.70	84.78	+0.57	1.40
New Europe Acc	65.34	69.51	+0.34	1.02
PERPETUAL UNIT TRUST 48 Hart Street, Henley on Thames 0491 417000				
Asian Smllr Mkt	101.32	108.37	...	0.01
PEP Growth	107.77	115.27	...	1.31
Intl Gth	529.85	566.69	...	0.49
Income	331.12	354.14	...	3.18
W'wide Recov	335.39	358.92	...	0.32
American Gth	215.72	230.72	...	0.01
Intl Emerg Cos	200.67	214.63	...	0.02
Far East Gth	242.06	258.89	...	0.01
European Gth	125.14	133.84	...	1.16
UK Growth	83.04	88.82	...	2.74
High Income	89.90	96.15†	...	4.09
Japanese Gth	239.57	254.93	...	0.01
PROLIFIC UNIT TRUST MANAGERS Walbrook Hse, 23 Walbrook, London EC4N 8LD. Dealing: 0800 262443				
International	189.40	201.50	+3.70	0.65
High Income	117.60	125.10	+0.90	3.41
Conv Gilt	115.50	122.80†	+0.50	5.58
Far East	335.50	356.90	+1.10	0.06
Global Inc Acc	33.47	35.61	-0.35	4.80
PROSPERITY UNIT TRUST MANAGEMENT 1 Seniors Hse Sq, Maidstone, Kent ME14 1XX. 0622 674751				
American	51.77	55.07†	-0.07	0.20
Emerging Mkts	71.41	75.97†	+0.83	0.51
General	50.94	54.19	+0.73	3.00
International	90.57	96.35	+0.69	1.25
Gilt Units	27.45	28.30†	+0.10	7.03
Global PEP	37.44	39.83	+0.48	1.92
Income Gth	70.09	74.56†	+0.68	4.39
European	47.15	50.16	-0.95	0.60
Gilt/Fixed Int	27.33	29.07	+0.19	5.38
PRUDENTIAL UNIT TRUSTS LTD 51/69 Ilford Hill, Ilford, Essex IG1 2DL 081 478 3377. Enquiries: 071 911 4490 Intermediary Dealing: 071 911 4314 Pricebank: 0426 925091				
Pru Mngd Tst	33.18	35.48	+0.24	1.58
Pru Csh Hvn Inc	100.90	101.40†	+0.01	4.71
-do- Acc	106.07	106.59†	+0.01	4.71
Pru Equity	693.21	741.40	+10.30	2.52
Pru Equity Inc	84.85	90.74†	+0.88	4.22
Pru European	187.33	200.35	+2.27	0.95
Pru Global Gth	83.71	89.52†	+0.81	1.21
Pru High Inc	91.24	97.58†	+0.57	4.62
Pru Intl	171.75	183.68†	+1.31	1.01
Pru Intl Sm Co	73.79	78.91	+0.43	0.59
Pru Japanese	223.14	238.65	-0.10	...
Pru Nth Amer	149.18	159.55	-1.38	0.77
Pru Pacific Mkt	83.56	89.36†	+0.43	1.09
Pru Premr Inc	52.31	54.45†	+0.20	4.97
Pru Smllr Cos	84.62	90.50	+0.28	2.08
Pru Spec Sits	102.86	110.01†	+1.63	2.43
Pru UK Growth	114.42	122.37†	+1.70	2.35
ROTHSCHILD FUND MANAGEMENT St Swithin's Lane, London EC4N 8NR Dealing: 071 634 2981/4				
FA Income	165.04	176.32	+2.25	3.41
FA Japan	303.88	323.27	-2.62	...
FA Maj UK Cos	96.17	102.70	+1.45	2.44
FA America Inc	511.28	544.63†	-1.08	0.88
-do- Acc	596.97	635.91	-1.27	0.88
FA Smllr UK Cos	278.96	301.80	+1.18	1.53
FA European	269.65	286.05	+1.11	1.22
SAVE & PROSPER GROUP 16-22 Western Rd, Romford RM1 3LB 0708 766966 or 0800 929029 (IFAs only)				
Amer Inc Gth	74.09	78.82	-0.09	3.58
Capital Units	152.60	162.30	-0.60	1.06
Commodity	112.10	119.30†	+0.50	1.03
European Gth	170.20	181.10	+0.50	1.08
Financial Sec	186.80	198.70	-0.60	1.28
High Return	223.80	238.10†	+1.70	3.57
High Yield	217.90	231.80	+1.50	3.86
Income Units	115.40	122.80†	+1.00	4.39
Investment	195.90	208.40	+1.20	1.19
Japan Gth	171.70	182.70	-2.40	...
Japan Smaller	199.90	212.70	-3.30	...
Masterfund	50.03	53.22	+0.16	1.20
Scotbits	271.80	289.10†	-0.90	1.43
Scotshares	264.10	282.00	+2.40	2.60
Scotyields	232.70	247.50†	+2.20	3.36
Select Intl	136.60	145.30	...	0.39
Smaller Cos	238.70	253.90	+1.20	3.71
Special Situation	112.50	119.70	+0.60	0.81
UK Equity	233.90	248.70†	+1.50	2.78
US Growth	142.00	151.10	-0.30	0.26
SCHRODER UNIT TRUSTS LTD Senator House, 85 Queen Victoria St, London. EC4V 4EJ. Client line: 0500 526 535 Broker line: 0800 526 540				
American	239.47	254.66	-1.51	0.64
-do- Acc	259.46	275.91	-1.64	0.64
Australian	137.41	146.57†	+1.03	0.73
-do- Acc	162.52	173.34	+1.21	0.73
UK Enterprise	230.42	245.78†	+3.19	2.19
-do- Acc	269.27	287.22	+3.73	2.19
European Gth	66.32	70.52	+0.98	1.28
-do- Acc	68.88	73.25	+1.02	1.28
Euro Smllr Cos	60.66	64.60	+0.75	0.42
-do- Acc	61.07	65.04	+0.75	0.42
Far Eastern Gth	77.34	82.49†	+0.64	..
-do- Acc	78.59	83.82	+0.65	..
Fixed Interest	57.04	60.17	+0.36	6.38
-do- Acc	69.26	73.06	+0.43	6.38
Gilt Income	110.47	116.42	+0.51	7.17
-do- Acc	154.29	162.60	+0.71	7.17
Income	345.30	368.31	+3.33	3.68
-do- Acc	1018.5	1086.4	+9.83	3.68
Japan Enterprise	74.97	79.96	-0.28	..
-do- Acc	74.97	79.96	-0.28	..
Japan Smllr Cos	522.21	557.02†	-2.62	..
-do- Acc	523.26	558.13	-2.62	...
Pacific Gth	101.96	108.75†	+0.98	0.24
-do- Acc	104.98	111.98	+1.01	0.24
Smaller Cos	197.85	211.03	+1.36	0.94
-do- Acc	228.82	244.07	+1.56	0.94
Tokyo	121.20	129.27	-0.21	..
-do- Acc	122.42	130.58	-0.21	..
UK Equity	224.83	239.81†	+3.33	2.56
-do- Acc	422.09	450.23	+6.27	2.56
US Smllr Cos	139.62	148.98	-0.64	...
-do- Acc	139.67	148.98	-0.64	...
World Fd	74.98	79.97†	+0.72	1.36
-do- Acc	79.70	85.01	+0.77	1.36
SCOTTISH AMICABLE UNIT TRUST MANAGERS LTD 150 St Vincent St, Glasgow G2 5NQ 041 204 2200				
Equity Income	48.66	51.82	+0.22	3.72
Equity Strategy	66.33	70.64	+0.16	0.84
European Opps	76.97	81.97	+0.41	1.22
Maximum Inc	97.86	100.39	+0.02	5.38
UK Smaller Cos	56.17	59.82	+0.12	2.11
SCOTTISH LIFE INVESTMENTS 19 St Andrew Sq, Edinburgh. 031 225 2211				
UK Equity	362.30	386.90	+5.20	2.64
American	254.70	270.20	+1.10	0.76
Pacific	368.10	393.70	+0.80	0.44
European	480.10	513.50	+6.50	1.05
Worldwide	85.84	91.81	+0.72	0.93
SCOTTISH MUTUAL INVESTMENT MANAGEMENT 109 St Vincent St, Glasgow G2 5HN 041 248 6100				
UK Equity	316.90	337.20	+3.50	2.69
UK Sm Cos Eqty	215.90	229.70	+1.10	1.36
European	356.10	378.90	+2.10	1.55
North American	262.60	279.40	-0.40	0.58
Income Plus Inc	72.75	77.40	+0.89	3.51
UK Spec Sits	71.47	76.04	+0.50	2.49
SCOTTISH PROVIDENT INVESTMENT MANAGEMENT LTD 6 St Andrew Sq, Edinburgh EH2 2YA 031 558 2341/2/3				
Equity Gth Acc	27.03	28.93	+0.32	2.65
Intl Growth Acc	31.34	33.54	-0.07	0.97
Market Ldrs Acc	27.28	29.20	+0.29	2.26
FOR SGTR TRUSTS SEE HENDERSON				
SINGER & FRIEDLANDER INVESTMENT FUNDS LTD 21 New Street, Bishopsgate, London EC2M 2HR 071 626 6226				
European	‡107.70	...	+0.90	..
Global Bond	‡105.40	...	-0.50	7.15
Japan Samurai	‡105.70	...	-0.60	..
UK Growth	‡102.80	...	+1.00	3.84
STANDARD LIFE TRUST MANAGEMENT LTD 3 George St, Edinburgh EH2 2XZ 0800 393777				
Managed	47.03	49.97	...	1.48
Equity Gth Acc	64.79	68.84	+0.10	1.04
UK Eq General	44.13	46.89	+0.20	2.04
-do- Acc	58.28	61.93	+0.30	2.04
European Acc	44.67	47.47	-0.10	0.90
Far East Acc	61.96	65.84	-0.70	0.10
Gilt Fxd Int Inc	33.26	35.18	+0.20	5.85
N American Acc	43.91	46.66	-0.10	0.85
O/s Lgr Cos Acc	302.70	328.50	-1.40	1.35
UK Eq High Inc	38.39	40.79	+0.10	3.44
-do- Acc	45.59	48.44	+0.10	3.44
UK Lgr Cos Inc	306.40	332.50	+1.80	3.55
UK Lgr Cos Acc	398.90	432.90	+2.30	3.55
STATE STREET UNIT TRUST MANAGEMENT LTD Birchin Court, 20 Birchin Lane, London EC3V 9AQ. 071 626 1977				
Global A	NZ$3.76	NZ$3.99	+0.053	1.5
US Eq	$2.178	$2.313	+0.001	1.6
Far East Eq	Y246.3	Y261.6	-0.60	..
Japan Eq	Y250.3	Y265.9	-1.30	..
FT Europe	120.30	127.80	+3.20	2.04
FT North Am	$1.732	$1.836	+0.013	1.30
FT Japan	Y249.8	Y265.3	-1.00	..
FT Asia Ex Jap	$2.018	$2.144	+0.036	1.42
STEWART IVORY UNIT TRUST MANAGERS 45 Charlotte Sq, Edinburgh 031 226 3271				
American	350.40	373.40	-1.50	0.32
British	1000.3	1058.3	+6.00	3.84
European	409.10	435.60	+3.30	1.32
Japan	163.30	173.30	-0.30	...
New Pacific	323.40	344.40	+4.60	0.95
Mngd Cash	95.85	95.85†	...	5.17
Majority Stlg	100.03	101.03†	+0.01	4.84
Inv Tst	209.40	222.00	+1.60	1.61
Saints PPP	381.60	401.70	...	...
SUN ALLIANCE Admin. 5 Rayleigh Rd, Hutton, Essex 0277 227300 Dealing: 0277 690389				
Equity Acc	771.30	824.90	+9.50	2.77
N America Acc	120.00	128.30	-0.60	0.21
Far East Acc	135.30	144.70	...	0.02
W'wide Bond	62.92	66.79	-0.13	5.84
European	90.01	96.27	+1.09	0.64
Equity Income	89.51	95.73	+0.85	3.71
SUN LIFE OF CANADA Basingview, Basingstoke, Hants RG21 2DZ Dealing: 0256 841414				
American Gth	34.39	36.79	-0.11	0.45
Managed Assets	125.43	134.15†	+1.30	2.99
UK Income	39.22	41.95	+0.50	2.40
UK Growth	38.45	41.13	+0.57	2.1[illegible]
Worldwide Gth	33.18	35.49†	+0.01	0.45
TSB UNIT TRUSTS LTD Charlton Place, Andover, Hants. SP10 1RE 0264 346794				
American	217.18	231.04†	+1.69	0.05
-do- Acc	239.20	254.47†	+1.87	0.05
British Gth	91.77	97.60	+1.51	1.52
-do- Acc	107.98	114.87	+1.78	1.52
European	105.46	112.20†	+2.20	0.87
-do- Acc	112.09	119.24†	+2.33	0.87
Extra Inc	197.72	210.34†	+1.89	3.95
-do- Acc	322.93	343.44†	+2.94	3.95
General Unit	280.33	298.22†	+1.76	2.31
-do- Acc	559.97	595.71†	+3.51	2.31
Income	345.20	367.23	+2.28	3.45
-do- Acc	717.35	763.14	+4.73	3.45
International	514.40	547.24	+3.92	0.29
-do- Acc	673.40	716.39	+5.13	0.29
Pacific	370.44	394.08	+0.24	..
-do- Acc	389.12	413.96	+0.25	..
Premier Income	54.12	56.38†	+0.32	6.86
-do- Acc	114.43	119.20†	+0.69	6.86
Nat Resources	140.71	149.69	-3.52	..
-do- Acc	154.42	164.28	-3.86	..
Selected Opps	104.19	110.84	+0.81	1.17
-do- Acc	130.44	138.77	+1.01	1.17
THORNTON UNIT MANAGERS LTD Swan House, 33 Queen St, London EC4R 1AX 071 246 3000 Dealing: 071 246 3081				
Amer Sml Cos	75.49	80.52	+0.31	..
-do- Acc	77.86	83.05	+0.31	..
European Opps	65.24	69.20	+0.72	0.41
-do- Acc	65.93	69.93	+0.74	0.41
Japan	98.61	105.18	-0.39	..
-do- Acc	98.61	105.18	-0.39	..
Little Dragons	80.29	85.63	+0.50	0.58
-do- Acc	82.65	88.15	+0.51	0.58
Oriental Income	47.45	50.61	+0.12	3.14
-do- Acc	60.49	64.52	+0.15	3.14
Tiger	225.88	240.93	+0.98	1.09
-do- Acc	237.31	253.13	+1.04	1.09
UK Small Cos	85.67	91.62	+0.31	1.72
-do- Acc	99.96	106.90	+0.36	1.72
WAVERLEY UNIT TRUST MANAGEMENT LTD 13 Charlotte Sq, Edinburgh EH2 4DJ 031 225 1551				
Australasn Gold	19.89	21.15	-0.23	0.50
Pacific Basin	34.74	36.96	-0.16	0.61
Canadian Gth	34.78	37	-0.13	..
Global Bond	$0.979	$1.019	+0.001	7.04
Penny Share	25.99	27.65	+0.46	1.54
WHITTINGDALE UNIT TRUST MANAGERS 2 Honey Lane, London EC2V 8BT 071 606 3132				
City Reserve	53.16	53.17	+0.01	4.81
Gilt Growth	73.06	76.04	+0.08	..
Gilt Income	54.91	57.14	+0.30	7.25
Short Dtd Gilt	111.40	112.01	+0.30	..
US Govmnt Bd	$0.718	$0.728	+0.002	..
Challenger	99.89	102.50	+0.70	..
WOOLWICH UNIT TRUST MANAGERS LTD 2 White Oak Square, Swanley BR8 7AG 081 298 4000				
Stockmarket Fd	72.56	77.19	+0.94	1.8[illegible]

Source. Finstat

* Yield expressed as CAR (Compound Annual Return). † Ex dividend. ‡ Middle price. ... No significant data

Pharmaceuticals shares surge forward after Clinton speech

By Wolfgang Münchau and Sarah Bagnall

SHARES in pharmaceutical companies rose strongly on both sides of the Atlantic as analysts digested a speech by President Clinton on Monday. They concluded that US health care reforms were likely to be less damaging than expected.

In the US, shares started to gain ground the morning after Mr Clinton delivered his speech to state governors, outlining his administration's reform proposals. On Wall Street, the shares of Merck, Bristol-Myers Squibb, Pfizer and Schering-Plough rose swiftly in response to expectations that health care reform would be phased in over five to seven years, rather than imposed suddenly in "big bang" fashion.

In London, Wellcome gained 55p to 733p, Zeneca 32p to 695p and SmithKline Beecham 18.5p to 466.5p. Glaxo and Fisons both added 5p to their opening prices of 558p and 179p respectively.

In response to movement in the US, shares started to move ahead late on Tuesday, rising further yesterday. Investors also hope that the health-care reform package, due to be formally introduced at the end of next month, will be funded by a payroll tax, to be shouldered mainly by employers in general, rather than the pharmaceutical industry specifically. Some analysts believe that this would remove some of the pressure to impose direct price controls on the US drug industry. That had been feared after leaks from Hillary Clinton's task force on health care reform.

However, just as pessimism then seemed overdone, this week's rally in pharmaceutical share prices — which partly reflects negative developments in other financial markets and equity sectors — appears exaggerated in the opposite direction, since the president has not yet decided on all aspects of the health-care reform.

Mr Clinton has reached out to Republicans, but their support will come at a price that could yet unhinge some important aspect of the package.

In a speech to the same governors' conference, Robert Dole, leader of the Republican minority in the Senate, appeared conciliatory on health reform but explicitly criticised the payroll tax as harmful for American industry.

The financing of health-care reform comes close to being a zero-sum game, since Mr Clinton pledged that the aim of reform was to bring in health insurance for the 34 million Americans uninsured at present.

If the pay-roll tax turns out to be smaller than envisaged, the administration will either have to reduce medical benefits, which would be unpopular with the electorate, or impose some form of rationing on the pharmaceutical industry. That would either be through price controls or by creating a system that provides doctors with disincentives to prescribe expensive drugs. Either way, the politics of health-care reform contains unspecified variables that could have an impact on the profitability of US pharmaceutical companies.

According to White House leaks, employers would pay a maximum payroll tax of 7 per cent; small companies would pay no more than 3.5 per cent. Employees would pay a maximum of 2 per cent.

Merrett fights to attract names for 1994 syndicates

By Sarah Bagnall
Insurance Correspondent

■ **Failure by Merrett Group to raise capital for 1994 will place it under severe pressure just as it is recovering from the surprise resignation of an underwriter**

A CRUCIAL meeting is to be held tomorrow between Stephen Merrett, chairman of the Merrett Group, the insurance company, and Lloyd's members' agents in a bid to secure names' capital next year.

A failure of the company's syndicates to attract names' funds for the 1994 underwriting year could place it under severe financial pressure. The group has had to cope with the surprise resignation of one of its main underwriters. Stephen Burnhope left abruptly last month to join a rival Lloyd's firm.

Members' agents are expressing growing concern over the performance of the group's syndicates and one agency, Willis Faber & Dumas, has said it is withdrawing support from the start of next year. If Mr Merrett, who convened tomorrow's meeting, fails to address these concerns, other agencies threaten to follow suit.

Tomorrow's meeting, which all members' agents are invited to attend, follows an earlier meeting of six of the biggest Lloyd's agencies, including Anton Members' Agency and Murray Lawrence Members' Agency. The agents met informally to see if there was a consensus on what changes at the Merrett Group would induce them to continue putting their names on its syndicates.

The formal deadline for agents to inform the managing agents that they are withdrawing names' capacity from syndicates for next year is the end of August. However, this deadline is not a hard and fast one and late notices can still be accepted.

The Merrett Group's difficulties increase pressure on Mr Merrett to step down as deputy chairman of Lloyd's. He has come under attack for a perceived conflict of interest because he is an underwriter on one of the five major errors and omissions syndicates, as well as Lloyd's deputy chairman. As a result, he is on both sides of a negotiating table over a possible settlement between loss-making names and errors and omissions insurers. He is also privy to Lloyd's thinking on a possible central fund contribution towards any settlement offer.

Mr Merrett also found himself under the spotlight last month after an investigation into the circumstances surrounding losses made by Merrett syndicate 421. The 342 names on the syndicate have lost more than 700 per cent of their original investments. Furthermore, Mr Merrett's group is believed to be involved in a dispute with Lioncover, set up by Lloyd's to cover continuing losses from the Peter Cameron-Webb affair.

Lioncover's 1992 accounts were qualified by Ernst & Young, the accountancy firm, because of uncertainty about the recovery of more than £400 million from reinsurers. Lioncover is locked in a dispute with its reinsurers over the validity of the reinsurance policies.


TONY WHITE

Piling up the profits: David Trapnell is cautious despite Marley more than doubling its result in the first half

Marley sees hope for UK housebuilders

By Susan Gilchrist

RECOVERY is finally under way in house building, according to Marley, the building products group. But it added that the pace of recovery has slowed markedly in recent months. David Trapnell, Marley's chief executive, said yesterday: "We have seen an increase in volume, but housebuilders are now saying the recovery is faltering with fewer house sales in May and June than earlier in the year." He believes growth will resume, but at a modest rate.

The group unveiled pre-tax profits rose from £6.1 million to £13.2 million for the six months to June 30. Even accounting for a £3.6 million loss on a disposal in the previous period, pre-tax profit still rose 35.1 per cent. The improvement was largely driven by recovery in the housebuilding markets in Britain and America as well as benefits from cost cutting. Operating profit in the building components division, which accounts for 87 per cent of sales, rose 32 per cent.

The interim dividend is held at 2.1p per share.

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Price war expected to be costly for USAir

By Philip Robinson
in New York

WALL Street now expects bigger losses this year from USAir, British Airways' associate, in the face of a vicious American price war and early retirement being offered to flight attendants and some ground staff.

Julius Maldutis, an analyst with Salomon Brothers, has increased his loss expectation by 14.5 per cent to about $230 million for the full year, up from an initial $200 million. But the results will be much better than the $1.2 billion lost last year.

USAir has already said it will end this year in the red, but is about to fight a price war with Southwest Airlines, the no-frills carrier that is offering a one-way fare between Baltimore/Washington International — one of five key USAir hubs — and Cleveland for $19. That is 22 per cent lower than Southwest's opening shot of $24.5, which was matched by USAir.

Southwest also cut its one-way fare from Baltimore to Chicago to $39 — which was 12 per cent lower than its previously announced debut fare of $44.50.

USAir's new fares start on September 7, a week before Southwest begins competing on the same routes.

Kaye to step down at City Centre

CITY Centre Restaurants revealed record £4.8 million interim profits to June 30, 1993 (£4.3 million). Turnover was up 7.6 per cent to £45.3 million. Interim dividend is maintained at 0.45p. Phillip Kaye, chief executive, below, is to step down in the autumn. He will continue as an executive director. He will be succeeded by James Naylor.



Britannic hints at rise in life profit

By Our Insurance Correspondent

BRITANNIC Assurance, one of the financially strongest UK life companies, yesterday announced a 12 per cent rise in interim dividend, from 3.433p to 3.85p, signalling expectation of a healthy rise in life insurance profit for the full year.

No profit figures for the life business are given at the interim stage because the group's formal actuarial valuation, needed before profits can be transferred to shareholders, is made at the year end. However, Brian Shaw, general manager, said: "There has been a healthy increase in life premiums in the first six months of 1993 and the dividend increase means we expect a good increase in life profits at the year end."

The statement, and news that all but one terminal bonus scale was unchanged, helped to lift the shares 10p to 422p. Insurers have been cutting scales in the past two years; Britannic's move, although not precluding a cut at the year end, pleased the City.

Total life premiums in the first half rose 13 per cent, to £193.32 million, helped by a near doubling in unit-linked life assurance premiums, from £3.75 million to £7.33 million. In the ordinary branch, life assurance premiums rose 12 per cent, to £47 million, and pension premiums rose 19 per cent, to £68.6 million.

Britannic does produce interim profits for its general insurance side, which announced a cut in underwriting losses to £1.43 million, from £2.3 million. Mr Shaw said that this reflected a levelling off in property and motor theft claims, and benefits of premium rate increases. Losses in the property account eased to £1.34 million, from £1.95 million. The motor account had a £116,000 underwriting profit, against a £460,000 loss.

Property firm sheds directors

By Carl Mortished

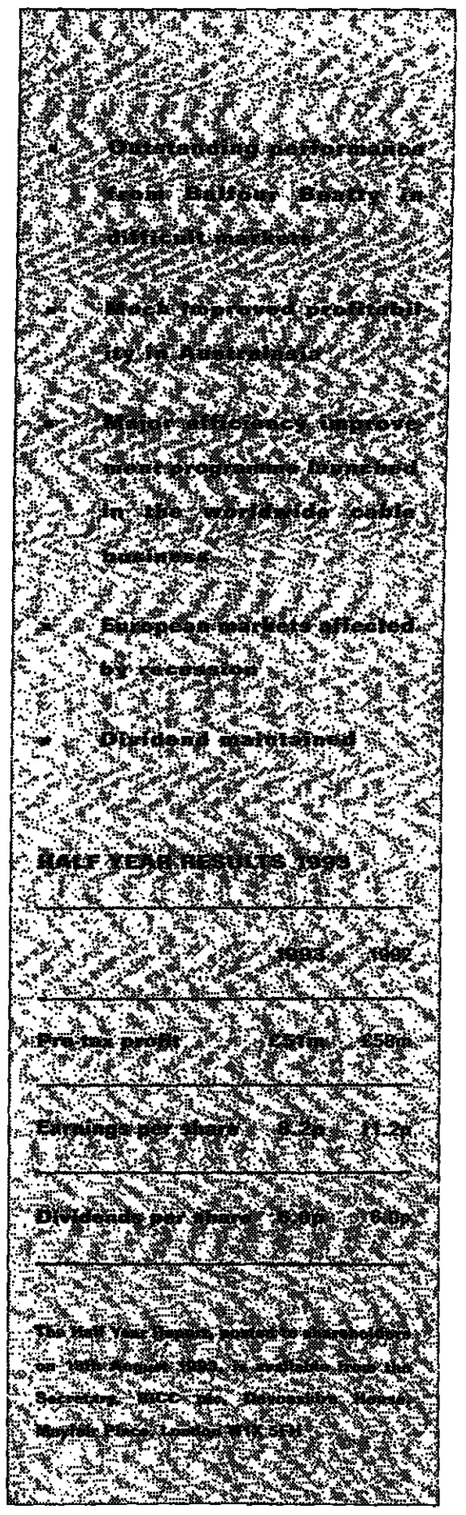
RON Spinney's new broom is sweeping through the palatial Park Lane headquarters of Hammerson, the property group where Sydney Mason, the chairman, and John Parry, the managing director, both retired this year.

Jon Scott, the group's UK property management director, has left the company while Bruce Heyland and Tony Ball, responsible for Canada and Australia respectively, have resigned from the board but will retain their overseas jobs.

The changing of the guard could affect Hammerson's advisers, which include BZW and Henderson Crosthwaite, the securities houses, as well as Kleinwort Benson, the merchant bank.

The market wants Hammerson to cut costs and Mr Spinney, who was appointed chief executive in April, is shedding ten head office jobs, a 15 per cent reduction.

BICC interim results



"Prospects for infrastructure investment around the world in the remainder of the 1990s in transport, power and communications remain good and our core businesses, through continuing improvements in efficiency and cost management, are positioning themselves for recovery."

Sir Robin Biggam, Chairman

BICCGroup

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LEGAL NOTICES

IN THE MATTER OF THE INSOLVENCY ACT 1986 AND IN THE MATTER OF THE HERTS TAR STONE COMPANY LIMITED

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to Section 98 of the Insolvency Act 1986 that a meeting of the creditors of the above named company will be held at Baker Tilly, 2 Bloomsbury Street, London WC1B 3ST on the 26 day of August 1993 at 3.00pm for the purpose of dealing with Sections 99 to 101 of the Insolvency Act 1986.

A full list of the names and addresses of the company's creditors may be examined free of charge at the offices of Baker Tilly, 2 Bloomsbury Street, London WC1B 3ST between 10 am and 4 pm on the two business days prior to the date of this meeting

Dated this 9th day of August 1993

By Order of the Board

R F T Curran, Director.

Case No. 9301940

IN THE SHREWSBURY COUNTY COURT

To, BRUCE STANTON Lately of 7 Tiverton House, Pleasant Place, London, NW1 2BS

TAKE NOTICE that an action has been commenced against you in the above County Court by Barclays Bank Plc of 54 Lombard Street, London EC3P 3AH and an Order has been made that the publication of a Notice of the entry of such action in "The Times" and "The London Evening Standard" newspapers shall be deemed to be good and sufficient service of the proceedings on you

Unless within 14 days of the publication of this Notice you pay into Court the amount claimed and the costs thereon or deliver to the Court office a Defence, Admission or Counterclaim the Plaintiff may obtain Judgement and proceed to enforce it forthwith

Copies of the Summons and other relevant documents may be obtained from the Chief Clerk, Third Floor, Mardol House, Matlet Hall, Shoplatch, Shrewsbury, Shropshire or from the Solicitors mentioned below

Dated 1 July 1993

Messrs Hatcher Rogerson, Solicitors of 5 Mill Street, Wem, Shropshire SY4 5EL

Reference 1935342AN

Solicitors for the Plaintiffs

LEGAL NOTICES

CPAC LIMITED

Notice is hereby given pursuant to Section 48(2) of the Insolvency Act 1986, that a Meeting of the unsecured creditors of the above named company will be held at the Sheraton Park Tower Hotel, 101 Knightsbridge, London, SW1 on the 24th day of August 1993 at 10.30 a.m. for the purpose of having laid before it a copy of the Report prepared by the Administrative Receiver under Section 48 of the said Act. The meeting may, if it thinks fit, establish a Committee to exercise the functions conferred on Creditors' Committees by or under the Act. Creditors are only entitled to vote if: (a) they have delivered to me at Maddox House, One Maddox Street, London, W1R 9WA, no later than 1200 hours on the 23rd day of August, 1993 written details of the debts they claim to be due to them from the company, and the claim has been duly admitted under the provisions of Rule 2.11 of the Insolvency Rules, 1986; and (b) there has been lodged with me any proxy which the creditor intends to be used on his behalf.

Dated 12/8/1993

J.W. Past,

Administrative Receiver

No: 0010201 of 1993

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUSTICE CHANCERY DIVISION COMPANIES COURT

IN THE MATTER OF HIGHSTAR PROPERTY INVESTMENTS LIMITED (IN LIQUIDATION)

and

IN THE MATTER OF THE INSOLVENCY ACT 1986

THIS IS TO CERTIFY THAT Barry David Lewis of Harris Lipman of 2 Mountview Court 310 Friern Barnet Lane London N20 0LD has been duly appointed as liquidator of the estate of the above-named company with effect from 5th May 1993.

On behalf of the Secretary of State

L.T. CRAMP

LEGAL NOTICES

MIDASGROVE LIMITED (In Liquidation)

THE INSOLVENCY ACT 1986

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that RICHARD MOORE of St. Paul's House, Warwick Lane, London, EC4P 4BN was appointed liquidator of the above named company on 5th August 1993.

Creditors are required on or before 12th September 1993 to send their names and addresses and particulars of their debts to the liquidator, and, if so required by notice in writing from the liquidator, are to come in and prove their debtors or in default thereof they will be excluded from the benefit of any distribution made before such debts are proved.

Dated this 5th day of August 1993

Richard Moore, Liquidator.

N.B. This notice is purely formal. All known creditors have been, or will be, paid in full

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Notice of Appointment of Joint Administrative Receiver

B.T. EXPRESS LIMITED (In Administrative Receivership)

Registered Number: 2297938

Trading Name: Bearings & Transmission Express. Nature of business: Dealers in Engineering Components. Trade Classification: 22. Date of Appointment of Joint Administrative Receivers: 2 August 1993. Name of Person Appointing the Joint Administrative Receivers: National Westminster Bank Plc. Name & Address of Joint Administrative Receivers: Colin George Wiseman FCA & Simon Geoffrey Paterson MIPA Booth White 56 New Road Chatham Kent ME4 4QR Office Holder Numbers: 6712 & 6856 respectively Colin George Wiseman & Simon Geoffrey Paterson Joint Administrative Receivers.

PAGE BUILDING AND MECHANICAL LTD (In Administrative Receivership)

Registered Number: 1264724. Former company name: Page Heating Ltd Nature of business: Building, Heating, Ventilating & Electrical Contractors. Trade classification: 26/27. Date of appointment of Administrative Receivers: 6 August 1993. Name of person appointing the Administrative Receivers: Bank of Scotland. Joint Administrative Receivers: Colin George Wiseman & Peter Anthony Lawrence (office holder nos: 6712 & 6829). Booth White, 6 Raleigh House, Adelaide Way, Waterside, London, E14 9SN

LEGAL NOTICES

SCHAFLINE LIMITED

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to Section 98 of the Insolvency Act 1986 that a Meeting of the Creditors of the above-named Company will be held at Room 100, Great Eastern Hotel, Liverpool Street, London EC2M 7QN on 27 August 1993 at 11.00 a.m., for the purposes mentioned in Sections 100 and 101 of the said Act

Proxies to be used at the Meeting must be lodged at the offices of Haines Watts, 4-8 Tabernacle Street, London EC2A 4LU, the registered office of the company, not later than 12.00 noon on the 26 August 1993.

A list of names and addresses of the creditors of the company will be available for inspection by creditors at Haines Watts, 4-8 Tabernacle Street, London EC2A 4LU, between the hours of 10.00 a.m. and 4.00 p.m. on 25 & 26 August 1993.

NOTICE IS ALSO GIVEN that, for the purpose of voting, secured creditors must (unless they surrender their security) lodge at the said Registered Office of the company before the meeting, a statement giving particulars of their security, the date when it was given, and the value at which it was assessed

BY ORDER OF THE BOARD

J B SHARP, Chairman

LEGAL NOTICES

THE INSOLVENCY ACT 1986 RATHMORES LTD

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to section 98 of the Insolvency Act 1986 that a meeting of creditors will be held at The Kennedy Hotel, Cardington Street, London NW1 2LP on Wednesday, September 8, 1993, at 11.00am for the purposes mentioned in sections 99, 100 and 101 of the said Act.

Information regarding the affairs of the company may be obtained pursuant to section 98(2) of the said Act from: Nigel Slater Aspdin FCA MBPA Nigel S Aspdin, Chartered Accountant The Old Rectory, Kirk Ireton, Ashbourne, Derbyshire DE6 3JE at which address a list of creditors of the company will be available to all creditors for inspection, free of charge, on the 2 business days immediately preceding the date of the meeting of creditors

By order of the Board

August 16, 1993

S Hewlett, Director

PUBLIC NOTICES

CHARITY COMMISSION

Charity - The Borrow Dental Mills Foundation

The Commissioners propose to make a Scheme for this charity. A copy of the draft Scheme can be obtained by sending a stamped addressed envelope to St Alban's House, 57/60 Haymarket, London, SW1Y 4QX quoting reference DGV-262339A/1/CDL(n3). Comments or representations can be made within one month from today.

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Index races on with biggest one-day rise in seven months

STOCK MARKET

BARGAIN hunters were out in force with share prices enjoying their biggest one-day rise in almost seven months as the equity market soared to yet another record high.

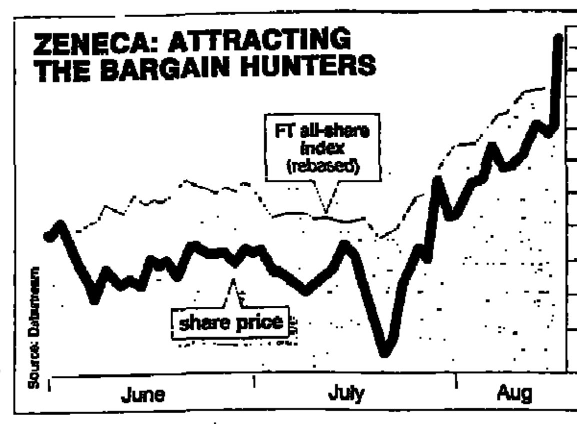
Selective buying of leading shares in thin conditions and a firm start to trading on Wall Street saw the FT-SE 100 index close just below its best of the day with a rise of 48.6 at 3,073.6. A total of 887 million shares changed hands. It was the biggest one-day rise since January 26, when the index leapt 63.8.

The Bank of England's decision not to issue any further tap stocks for the time being and increased pressure for a cut in interest rates has put attention back on the equity market. Investors this week have been focusing their attention on sectors which have been left behind but still boast strong yields. They know it is no longer possible to leave money on deposit and the problem will be intensified if further interest rate cuts materialise.

Trading conditions remain thin and market-makers are now feeling the squeeze because of stock shortages. Brokers are continuing to raise their year-end forecast's for the index with Strauss Turnbull confirming a figure of 3,500. Ian Harnett at Strauss says there is still scope for a further 10 per cent rise in the index short-term. Yesterday's retail sales and inflation figures were in line with estimates and increased the pressure for a cut in rates.

Once again it was the pharmaceutical sector that led the way higher helped by strong support from both sides of the Atlantic. **Glaxo** continued to celebrate the US Food and Drug Administration's approval for Zofran rising 33p to 591p. There were further gains for **Fisons** 3p to 179p, **Medeva** 4p to 112p, **SmithKline Beecham** A 18p to 466p, **Wellcome** 55p to 732p and **Zeneca** 32p to 695p.

Another sector which has been left behind is food retailing and fund managers are now take the view that the selling has been overdone. **Asda** firmed 1¾p to 64½p, **Argyll** 13p to 342p, **Iceland Frozen Foods** 7p to 233p, **Kwik Save** 13p to 723p, **J. Sainsbury** 12p to 505p, and **Tesco** 3p to 234p. The drinks sector has been one of the worst performers in the market this year and yesterday provided the opportunity to do a bit of catching up with yield considerations to the fore. **Allied-Lyons** jumped 13p to 599p, **Bass** 20p to 506p, **HP Bulmer** 5p to 441p, **Grand Metropolitan** 10p to 461p, **Hardy and Hanson** 21p to 265p, **JD Wetherspoon** 8p to 299p, **Scottish & Newcastle** 10p to 463p, **Whitbread A** 11p to 519p, and **Guinness** 7p to 492p.



Half-year figures from **BICC** failed to impress the City and left the price 23p lower at 394p. Despite a drop in pre-tax profits from £58 million to £51 million, the group decided to maintain an uncovered 6p dividend. There was no sign of the rights issue that some brokers had been predicting.

Marley, the tile and building products group, failed to hold on to an early lead, finishing all-square at 166p after warning that it would be unable to maintain the growth seen in the first half when pretax profits climbed from £6.1 million to £13.2 million.

News of cutbacks and a boardroom reshuffle left **Hammerson**, the property developer, 7p higher at 393p with the A shares 6p dearer at 362p.

As if to remind investors what a lousy summer it has been, shares of **First Leisure** fell 15p to 319p as the company's own broker, Cazenove, told clients to sell. Cazenove is also reputed to have downgraded its profit estimates, which had a knock-on effect on rival **Rank Organisation**, down 7p at 792p. The recession has meant that holidaymakers have been staying at home which has been good news for First Leisure. But analysts reckon the unsettled weather could see more holidaymakers travelling abroad next year.

☐ **GILT-EDGED:** Prices drifted for much of the session as investors continued to reflect on the Bank of England's decision to freeze tap issues for the time being.

There was hectic trading on the future where the September series of the Long Gilt fell £5/16 to £113 11/32 as 55,000 contracts were completed. On the cash market, Treasury 9 per cent 2012 eased five ticks to £117¼, while at the shorter end Treasury 9½ per cent 1999 was down £¼ at £113 7/32.

BAe raises size of refinancing

British Aerospace has lifted the size of a refinancing package agreed last month to £1.5 billion from £1.4 billion after gaining support from banks.

BAe said the package — a five-year, underwritten revolving credit facility — also incorporated new terms, reducing the net worth covenant and substituting interest cover and gearing ratios as the principal covenant.

BAe said extra subscriptions of £850 million had been gained when the original £1.4 billion facility was syndicated at the beginning of July.

Griffiths joins

News Corporation has appointed James Griffiths managing director of Star TV, the Hong Kong satellite broadcaster in which it bought a controlling stake last month. Mr Griffiths, 39, joins from Twentieth Century Fox, where he is President of Pay Television and International Home Video.

Apparel dips

Horace Small Apparel, the work uniforms maker, saw interim profits fall to £553,000 (£1.46 million). The dividend is held at 1p.

Rosebys rises

Profits at Rosebys, the household textiles and curtains retailer floated last March, rose from £606,000 to £681,000. The dividend was 1.4p.

Westgarth up

Richardsons Westgarth's pretax profits rose from £1.03 million to £1.42 million in the six months to June 30. The dividend is 1.3p (1.25p).

NMC ahead

Interim results at North Midland Construction rose from £84,000 to £95,000. The dividend is 0.4p (0.3p).

BICC disappointed with half-time fall to £51m

By Colin Campbell

BICC, the international cables and construction group, says the economic outlook is beginning to look brighter in Britain, America and Australia but the pace is still slow and the recession on the Continent will continue to affect group profits in the short term.

Sir Robin Biggam, chairman, yesterday admitted that BICC's pre-tax profits of £51 million for the half year to June 26, compared with £58 million previously, were disappointing.

In Spain, demand for energy cables had fallen by 30 per cent and losses were incurred. The group also incurred losses in its speciality cables business in America. The flotation of the group's American interests has been postponed to next year.

Superficially, interim turnover increased from £1.77 billion to £1.95 billion, but Sir Robin said the increase was essentially due to acquisitions and that there had been no underlying increase.

Balfour Beatty's order book, at £1.5 billion, was 11 per cent lower than a year ago.

Sir Robin said there was at least £500 million worth of orders in the markets of the Far East, China, Lesotho and Egypt that covered sewage, water, transport and general infrastructure projects, "and we are confident that we will win some of them".

There was a £10 million rationalisation charge against first-half profits, and group employment numbers have been trimmed by 8 per cent. Further reductions in the second half are likely.

Sir Robin said the recent agreement between Eurotunnel and TML meant a more encouraging environment for the Channel tunnel project. However, provisions made against the contract would be reviewed at the year end, and much depended on hand-over timetables.

Current tendering levels and prices in Britain were still weak and Balfour Beatty would look increasingly to international markets for growth and new orders.

Sir Robin added that BICC had received several unsolicited and unwelcomed approaches for its property interests, which have a book value of £200 million. "We are not in talks with anybody," Sir Robin said.

The interim dividend is held at 6p. Net earnings were 8.2p (11.2p) a share.

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Confident on orders: Sir Robin Biggam yesterday

WALL STREET

US shares hold gains at midday

New York — Wall Street shares held on to Tuesday's gains in midday trading, with the main strength coming in the drug and consumer nondurable issues. The Dow Jones industrial average was up 21.24, at 3,608.22.

Hildergard Zagorski, an analyst at Prudential Securities, said: "All the beaten-down and underloved stocks got a new lease of life yesterday [and] there was follow-through on that this morning."

Merck and Co and Philip Morris led the Dow's rise.

☐ **Frankfurt** — The Dax closed up 25.55, or 1.3 per cent, at 1,935.72, its highest close since July 23, 1990. Late futures-led buying emerged to support the market.

☐ **Singapore** — The Straits Times industrial index ended at a record closing high of 1,951.40, renewing records for the fourth day. The index, up 23.06, or 1.2 per cent, from the previous closing high of 1,928.34 on Tuesday, was just off the all-time high of 1,952.25, reached in late trading.

☐ **Hong Kong** — Shares closed higher, with the main index ending at a record on overseas demand for blue chips. The Hang Seng rose 32.18, to 7,560.97, slightly off the day's high of 7,570.

☐ **Tokyo** — Japanese shares ended modestly lower in light, directionless trade. The Nikkei average closed down 68.80, or 0.33 per cent, at 20,773.18 amid uncertainty about the yen and ahead of today's economic ministers' meeting. Expectation of easier credit underpinned prices.

☐ **Sydney** — Australian shares closed up, but off morning highs, helped by strong overseas buying after Tuesday's federal budget. The all-ordinaries index closed up 9.6, at 1,894.7. *(Reuter)*

	Aug 18 midday	Aug 17 close
AMP Inc	65	64¾
AMR Corp	66½	67
Abbott Labs	25¾	25¾
Aetna Life	58¾	59
Ahmanson (HF)	19¾	19½
Air Prod & Chem	43¼	42¾
Albertson's	56½	55¾
Alcan Aluminum	20¾	20¾
Alco Standard	46	46½
Allied Signal	73	73¾
Alum Co of Am	74¼	74¼
Amax	24¾	25
Amerada Hess	50¾	50¾
Amer Brands	32¼	31¾
Amer Cyanamid	48¾	48¾
Amer El Power	37¾	37¾
Amer Express	33½	32¾
Amer Genl Corp	33¾	33½
Amer Home Pr	63¾	61¾
Amer Intl	96¾	96½
Amer Stores	46¾	46½
Amer T & T	60½	60¾
Ameritech	81¼	81
Amoco	56¾	56¾
Anheuser-Busch	46¾	45¾
Apple Computer	28¾	28¾
Archer Daniels	22¾	22½
Arkla	8¾	8¾
Armco	6¾	6¾
Armstrng Wrld	38¾	37¾
Asarco	19¼	19¾
Ashland Oil	31¾	31¾
Atl Richfield	114¾	114¾
Auto Data Pro	49¾	49¾
Avery Dennison	30½	26¾
Avon Products	58¾	57¾
Baker Hughes	26	25¾
Baltim Gas & El	30¾	26¾
Banc One	52¾	52
BankAmerica	46¾	45¾
Bank of NY	53¾	53
Bankers Tr NY	78¾	78¾
Barnett Banks	45¾	45¾
Bausch & Lomb	47¾	47
Baxter Intl	25¾	25¾
Becton Dicknsn	36¾	36¾
Bell Atlantic	56¾	56¾
BellSouth	55¾	55¾
Black & Decker	20¾	20¾
Block (H&R)	38¾	38
Boeing	38¾	38¾
Boise Cascade	21¾	20¾
Borden Inc	15¾	15¾
Bristol Myrs Sq	56¾	54¾
Browning Ferris	23¾	22¾
Burlington Nthn	55	55
CBS	246½	242
CNA Financial	88	87½
CPC Intl	44	42¾
CSX	75¾	75¾
Campbell Soup	38¾	38
Can Pacific	15¾	16
Cptl Cities ABC	496½	490¾
Cptl Holdings	42¾	42¾
Carolina Pwr	32¾	32¾
Caterpillar	81¾	80¾
Central & SW	32¾	32¾
Champion Intl	33¾	33¾
Chase Manhat	34	33¾
Chemical Bk	40	40
Chevron Corp	88¾	87¾
Chrysler	43	43¾
Chubb Corp	91¾	91¾
Cigna Corp	61	60¾
Citicorp	32¾	32¾
Clorox	50¾	49¾
Coastal Corp	31	31
Coca Cola	42¾	42¾
Colgate-Palmolive	50¾	49
Columbia Gas	24¾	25¾
Commonw Ed	30¾	30¾
Compaq Comp	54¾	54¾
Comp Ass Int	31	30¾
Conagra	24¾	24¾
Cons Edison	36	36¾
Cons Nat Gas	54¾	54¾
Cons Rail	56¾	55¾
Cooper Inds	51¾	50¾
Corning Inc	31¾	31¾
Crown Cork	37¾	36¾
Dana Corp	54¾	54¾
Dayton Hudson	66¾	67¾
Deere	69¾	68¾
Delta Air Lines	52¾	53¾
Deluxe Corp	37	36¾
Detroit Edison	35¾	35¾
Digital Equip	39¾	39¾
Dillard Dept St	35¾	35¾
Disney (Walt)	39¾	38¾
Dominion Res	47¾	47¾
Donelley (RR)	29¾	29¾
Dover Corp	51¾	50¾
Dow Chemicals	60¾	59¾
Dow Jones	30	29¾
Dresser	24¾	24¾
Duke Power	42	42
Dun & Brdstreet	59¾	59¾
Du Pont	49¾	49¾
Eastman Kodak	61¾	60¾
Eaton Corp	45¾	45¾

	Aug 18 midday	Aug 17 close
Emerson Elec	60¾	60¾
Engelhard Corp	38¾	38¾
Enron Corp	35¾	36¾
Entergy Corp	38¾	38¾
Ethyl Corp	17¾	17¾
Exxon	64	63¾
FMC Corp	47¾	47¾
FPL Group	39¾	40
Federal Express	58¾	57¾
Fed Nat Mtge	82¾	81¾
First Chicago	45¾	44¾
First Interstate	61¾	60¾
First Union Rlty	10¾	10¾
Fleet Fin Grp	32¾	32¾
Fluor Corp	42¾	42¾
Ford Motor	50¾	51¾
GTE Corp	35	35¾
Gannett	51¾	50¾
Gap Inc Del	30	29¾
Gen Dynamics	96¾	96¾
Gen Electric	97¾	97
Gen Mills	61¾	59¾
Gen Motors	45¾	46¾
Gen Reinsurance	130	129¾
Gen Signal	31¾	31
Genuine Parts	35¾	35¾
Georgia Pac	62¾	62¾
Gillette	53¾	53
Glaxo ADR	17¾	16¾
Goodrich (BF)	47¾	47¾
Goodyear Tire	41¾	41¾
Grace (W&R)	39	38¾
Gt Atl Pac Tea	30¾	30¾
Great Wstn Fin	16¾	16¾
Halliburton	39¾	39¾
Harcourt General	39¾	38¾
Heinz (HJ)	37¾	36¾
Hercules	85¾	84¾
Hershey Foods	49¾	46¾
Hewlett Packard	74¾	74
Hilton Hotels	45¾	45¾
Home Depot	43¾	44¾
Homestake Mng	19¾	18¾
Honeywell	38	37¾
Household Intl	73¾	74¾
Houston Inds	45¾	44¾
Humana	11¾	11¾
ITT Corp	93¾	93¾
Illinois Tool	37¾	37¾
INCO	22	21¾
Ingersoll Rand	35¾	35¾
Inland Steel	27¾	27¾
Intel Corp	66	65
IBM	43¾	43
Intl Flav & Fr	113¾	113¾
Intl Paper	66¾	65¾
James River Va	20¾	20¾
Jhnsn & Jhnsn	39¾	38¾
K Mart	23¾	22¾
Kellogg	50	48¾
Kerr-McGee	54¾	53¾
Kimberly-Clark	47¾	45¾
Knight-Ridder	54¾	54¾
Lilly (Eli)	47¾	45¾
Limited Inc	22¾	22¾
LIN Brdcstng	118¾	121
Lincoln Nat	44¾	44¾
Litton	68¾	68¾
Liz Claiborne	24	23¾
Lockheed Corp	63	63
Louisiana Pac	34¾	34¾
MCI Commun	28¾	28¾
Marriott	27¾	28¾
Marsh & McLnn	88¾	88¾
Masco Corp	31¾	31¾
May Dept St	41	41¾
Maytag Corp	17¾	17¾
McCaw Cellular	55¾	56
McDonalds	54¾	54¾
McDonnell D	82¾	81¾
McGraw Hill	69	67¾
Mead Corp	45¾	45¾
Medtronic	62¾	60¾
Mellon Bk	56¾	56¾
Melville Corp	45¾	44¾
Merck Inc	32¾	30¾
Merrill Lynch	89¾	89¾
Minnesota Mine	107¾	108¾
Mobil Corp	75	75
Monsanto	63¾	62¾
Morgan (JP)	74¾	73¾
Motorola Inc	98¾	98¾
Natl Medical	11¾	11¾
Natl Semi	19¾	19¾
Natl Service Ind	25¾	25¾
Navistar Int	25	25¾
NBD Bancorp	32¾	32¾
NY Times A	25¾	25¾
Newmont Mng	49¾	49¾
Niag Mohawk	24	24
Nike B	52¾	53
NL Industries	4¾	4¾
Nordstrom	31¾	31¾
Norfolk Sthrn	67	66¾
Nthn State Pwr	46	46
Norwest Corp	26¾	26¾
Nynex Corp	90¾	90¾
Occidental Pet	20¾	20¾
Ohio Edison	25¾	25¾
Oracle Systems	54¾	53¾

	Aug 18 midday	Aug 17 close
Oryx Energy Co	22¾	22
Owens Corning	43¾	42¾
PNC Financial	29¾	29¾
PPG Industries	70¾	70¾
Paccar Inc	62¾	62
Pacificorp	18¾	18¾
Pac Enterprises	26¾	26¾
Pac Gas & Elect	35¾	35¾
Pac Telesis	52¾	52¾
Pall Corp	17¾	17¾
Panhandle East	26¾	26¾
Paramnt Comm	53¾	53
Parker Hannifin	34	34
Penney (JC)	45¾	45¾
Pennzoil	68¾	68¾
Pepsico	38	37¾
Pfizer	62¾	60¾
Phelps Dodge	47	46¾
Philadel Elec	32¾	32¾
Philip Morris	49¾	48¾
Phillips Pet	31¾	31¾
Pitney Bowes	42¾	42¾
Polaroid	38¾	38
Price Co	34¾	33¾
Primerica	54¾	55¾
Procter & Gmbl	48¾	47¾
Pub Serv E & G	34¾	34¾
Quaker Oats	69	67¾
Ralston Purina	37¾	37¾
Raychem Corp	38	37¾
Raytheon	63¾	62¾
Reebok Intl	24	23¾
Reynolds Metals	49¾	49¾
Roadway Srvcs	58¾	58¾
Rockwell Intl	34¾	34¾
Rohm & Haas	54¾	53¾
Royal Dutch	98¾	98
Rubbermaid	31¾	30¾
Safeco Corp	64¾	64¾
St Paul's Cos	90¾	90¾
Salomon Inc	49¾	48¾
Santa Fe Pac	18¾	18¾
Sara Lee Corp	25¾	24¾
Seecorp	24¾	24¾
Schering Plough	62¾	61
Schlumberger	64	63¾
Scott Paper	34¾	34¾
Seagram	26¾	26¾
Sears Roebuck	53¾	52¾
Shell Trans	59¾	59¾
Sherwin Wlms	33¾	32¾
Skyline Corp	18¾	18¾
Snap-On-Tools	42¾	42¾
Southern Co	43¾	43¾
Sthwestern Bell	42	41¾
Sprint Corp	36¾	36¾
Stanley Works	42¾	42¾
Sun Company	27	26¾
Suntrust	44	43¾
Supervalu	36	36
Syntex Corp	17¾	16¾
Sysco Corp	30	29¾
TRW Inc	65¾	65¾
Tandem Comp	9¾	9¾
Tandy Corp	29¾	29¾
Telecom Corp	3¾	3¾
Teledyne	24¾	24¾
Temple Inland	43¾	42¾
Tenneco	52¾	52¾
Texaco	63¾	62¾
Texas Inst	80¾	78¾
Texas Utilities	48¾	48¾
Textron	57¾	57¾
Time Warner	38¾	38¾
Times-Mirror	30¾	30¾
Timken	33¾	33¾
Torchmark	58¾	57¾
Toys R Us	35¾	35¾
Transamerica	58¾	56¾
Travelers Corp	32¾	32¾
Tribune	51¾	51¾
Tyco Labs	43	42¾
UAL Corp	146¾	147¾
UST Inc	28	27¾
USX Marathon	19¾	18¾
Unilever NV	104¾	102¾
Union Camp	44¾	43¾
Union Carbide	18	17¾
Union Pacific	64¾	64¾
Unisys Corp	10¾	10¾
USAIR Group	16¾	16¾
USF&G Corp	18¾	18¾
US Life	41¾	41¾
US West	45¾	45¾
United Tech	58¾	58¾
Unocal Corp	29¾	29
Upjohn	27¾	27
VF Corp	46¾	44¾
WMX Tech	30¾	30¾
Wal-Mart Stores	25¾	25¾
Warner-Lambert	69¾	67¾
Wells Fargo	112¾	111¾
Westinghouse El	15¾	15¾
Weyerhaeuser	42¾	42¾
Whirlpool	65¾	64¾
Whitman	14¾	14¾
Winn Dixie	63¾	63¾
Woolworth	24¾	24¾
Wrigley (Wm) Jr	39¾	38¾
Xerox	74¾	77¾

MAJOR CHANGES

RISES:	Britannic .... 442p (+10p)
SG Warburg .... 804p (+20p)	Compass Group ..... 548p (+12p)
Allied-Lyons .... 599p (+13p)	Caffyns .... 388p (+20p)
Bass .... 506p (+20p)	Evans Halshaw ..... 390p (+14p)
Tilbury Douglas ..... 610p (+18p)	FALLS:
Inchcape .... 549p (+13p)	Euro Disney .... 655p (-30p)
BOC .... 654p (+14p)	First Leisure .... 319p (-15p)
Zeneca .... 695p (+32p)	Thomson Corp ..... 765p (-20p)
Rothmans 'B' ..... 694p (+23p)	Tiphook .... 232p (-10p)
Magellan .... 176p (+10p)	BICC .... 403p (-14p)
Amersham .... 834p (+23p)	
Wellcome .... 733p (+55p)	

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RECENT ISSUES

Bakyrchik (120)	141	+1
BT (Partly/Paid) (150)	184½	+1½
Dunedin Japan Inv (100)	99	+½
Dunedin Japan Inv Wts	55	...
Finsbury Smaller Co's C	153	...
Flying Flowers (65)	81	+3
Kleinwort Emrg (100)	104	+1
-do- Emrg Mkts Wts	59	...
Lazard High Inc Tst (100)	110	...
Martin Currie Pac Wts	67	...
Quadramatic (123)	150	+8
Raglan Warrants	24	+1
Sharelink Inv Serv (250)	341	+7

RIGHTS ISSUES

Alliance Res n/p (5)	½	...
Bardon n/p (40)	8½	-1¼
Business Tech n/p (10)	2	-¼
Cussins Prop n/p (75)	20	...
Nrthmbrn Fine Fds n/p (8)	3	...
Sedgwick n/p (165)	23	...
Sidlaw n/p (275)	26	...
TT Group n/p (240)	34	...
Villiers n/p (10½)	1	...

FT-SE VOLUMES

ASDA Gp	19,000	Cadbury	4,500	MB Cardn	2,200	Scot Power	2,400
Abbey Natl	3,800	Carlton Cms	483	Marks Spr	6,100	Sears	10,000
Alld-Lyons	3,500	Coats Vly	1,500	NFC	1,000	Svrn Trent	382
Anglian W	588	Cm Union	2,700	NatWst Bk	6,100	Shell Trans	3,600
Argyll Gp	6,400	Courtaulds	1,200	Nat Power	4,500	Siebe	717
Arjo Wiggn	1,800	De La Rue	677	Nth Wst W	1,200	SmKl Bch	5,300
AB Foods	289	Enterpr Oil	1,200	Nthrn Fds	2,000	Smith Nph	3,300
BAA	1,100	Forte	2,400	P & O	2,600	Std Chard	1,500
BAT Inds	6,500	GRE	1,300	Pearson	1,600	Sun Allnce	3,200
BOC	3,100	GUS A	191	PowerGen	2,800	TI Gp	864
BP	6,000	Gen Acc	1,300	Prudential	4,600	TSB	2,100
BT	11,000	Gen Elec	6,100	RMC	536	Tate & Lyle	2,600
BTR	6,100	Glaxo	12,000	RTZ	2,300	Tesco	7,000
Bk of Scot	2,400	Granada	897	Rank Org	1,600	Thames W	1,400
Barclays	7,500	Grand Met	5,400	Reckitt Col	2,000	Thrn EMI	1,500
Bass	3,600	Guinness	3,600	Redland	1,200	Tomkins	4,100
Blue Circle	2,900	HSBC	4,900	Reed Intl	1,100	Unilever	3,600
Boots	2,900	Hanson	30,000	Rentokil	1,200	Utd Bisc	5,400
Bowater	2,200	ICI	1,800	Reuters	650	Vodafone	6,300
Brit Aero	2,500	Inchcape	3,200	Rothmans	2,500	Warburg (SG)	793
Brit Airwys	2,800	Kingfisher	843	Ryl Ins	3,300	Wellcome	4,000
Brit Gas	19,000	Ladbroke	10,000	Ryl Bk Scot	3,400	Whitbd 'A'	1,200
Brit Steel	7,200	Land Secs	2,300	Sainsbury	2,700	Wlms Hld	709
Burmah Cast	156	Legal & Gn	1,100	Scot Hydro	622	Wolseley	154
Cable Wire	2,400	Lloyds Bk	5,700	Scot & New	1,500	Zeneca	9,500

MAJOR INDICES

New York (midday):
Dow Jones .... 3608.22 (+21.24)
S&P Composite .... 456.24 (+3.11)

Tokyo:
Nikkei Av'ge .... 20773.18 (-68.80)

Hong Kong:
Hang Seng .... 7560.97 (+32.18)

Amsterdam:
CBS Tendency .... 128.8 (+2.1)

Sydney: AO .... 1894.7 (+9.7)

Frankfurt:
DAX .... 1935.72 (+25.55)

FT 30 share .... 2406.1 (+39.9)

Brussels:
General .... 6915.60 (+7.54)

Paris: CAC .... 585.40 (+0.79)

Zurich: SKA Gen .... 579.50 (+1.60)

London:
FT A All-Share .... 1524.31 (+21.11)
FT 500 .... 1644.48 (+26.81)
FT Gold Mines .... 197.0 (-1.0)
FT Fixed Interest .... 124.54 (+0.30)
FT Govt Secs .... 102.38 (+0.07)
Bargains 39258
SEAQ Volume .... 887 m
USM (Datastrm) .... 141.30 (+1.09)

TRADITIONAL OPTIONS

First Dealings	Last Dealings	Last Declaration	For Settlement
August 9	August 20	November 11	November 22

Call options were taken out on 18/8/93: Aminex, Aran Energy, Arlen, Cray Elec, Cluff Res, Cons Murchison, Ex-Lands, Excalibur, Lucas Wts, Northern Ireland Elec, Scot Nat Cap, Shoprite.
Puts: Aminex, Ex-Lands, Glynwed Intl, UK Land. **Put & Call:** Shandwick.

LONDON FINANCIAL FUTURES

	Period	Open	High	Low	Close	Volume
FT-SE 100	Sep 93	3042.0	3090.0	3040.0	3085.5	17006
Previous open interest: 55878	Dec 93	3065.0	3111.0	3065.0	3106.5	537
Three Month Sterling	Sep 93	94.24	94.26	94.15	94.16	17377
Previous open interest: 376146	Dec 93	94.72	94.75	94.58	94.61	31753
	Mar 94	94.82	94.83	94.71	94.75	8959
Three Mth Eurodollar	Sep 93	96.72	96.72	96.72	96.73	5
Previous open interest: 13525	Dec 93	96.38	96.39	96.38	96.40	276
Three Mth Euro DM	Sep 93	93.53	93.54	93.50	93.51	11351
Previous open interest: 675896	Dec 93	94.05	94.07	94.02	94.03	19415
Long Gilt	Sep 93	113-29	113-31	113-07	113-11	59058
Previous open interest: 92516	Dec 93	113-07	113-07	112-23	112-25	5557
Japanese Govmt Bond	Sep 93	111.45	111.46	111.25	111.31	316
	Dec 93	110.71	110.77	110.55	110.65	2210
German Gov Bd Bund	Sep 93	97.36	97.38	97.09	97.22	64912
Previous open interest: 197557	Dec 93	97.46	97.48	97.26	97.34	2334
German Gov Bd Bobl	Sep 93	100.47	100.49	100.35	100.42	2738
Previous open interest: 17830	Dec 93	100.58	100.58	100.56	100.56	300
Three month ECU	Sep 93	92.93	93.00	92.83	92.88	1167
Previous open interest: 32784	Dec 93	93.94	93.99	93.89	93.90	779
Euro Swiss Franc	Sep 93	95.40	95.42	95.38	95.40	2419
Previous open interest: 52231	Dec 93	95.76	95.77	95.74	95.76	831
Italian Govmt Bond	Sep 93	112.30	112.55	111.80	112.13	19934
Previous open interest: 63472	Dec 93	112.00	112.23	111.67	111.83	4174

MONEY MARKETS

Exchange index compared with 1985 was up at 81.5 (day's range 80.7-81.5).

STERLING SPOT AND FORWARD RATES

Mkt Rates for Aug 18	Range	Close	1 month	3 month
Amsterdam	2.8369-2.9500	2.8652-2.8687	⅛-¼ds	¼pr-¼ds
Brussels	53.01-53.69	53.49-53.69	n/a	n/a
Copenhagen	10.2760-10.4760	10.4170-10.4550	n/a	n/a
Dublin	1.0905-1.0935	1.0909-1.0933	7-14ds	25-30ds
Frankfurt	2.5210-2.5487	2.5454-2.5487	⅛-¼ds	⅜-½ds
Lisbon	257.70-261.80	260.50-261.80	n/a	n/a
Madrid	208.00-210.05	209.56-209.86	87-104ds	256-282ds
Milan	2381.00-2420.10	2416.10-2420.10	6-8ds	19-23ds
Montreal	1.9625-1.9969	1.9947-1.9969	0.31-0.21pr	0.56-0.42pr
New York	1.4900-1.5130	1.5130-1.5130	0.36-0.34pr	1.01-0.96pr
Oslo	10.9290-11.0510	11.0070-11.0450	⅛-1¼ds	¼-1¼ds
Paris	8.8380-8.9500	8.9280-8.9500	2¼-2¾ds	4¼-5¼ds
Stockholm	11.8600-11.9900	11.9070-11.9460	1¼-2¼ds	4¼-6ds
Tokyo	151.08-153.57	153.31-153.57	1⅛-⅞pr	1¾-1⅝pr
Vienna	17.71-17.90	17.87-17.90	⅞-2¼ds	1¼-⅛ds
Zurich	2.2372-2.2476	2.2445-2.2476	⅛-⅛pr	⅛-⅛pr

Source: Extel — Premium = pr. Discount = ds.

OTHER STERLING

Argentina peso*	1.4945-1.4971
Australia dollar	2.2101-2.2133
Bahrain dinar	0.556-0.568
Brazil cruzeiro *	124.2-125.4
Cyprus pound	0.755-0.765
Finland marka	8.557-8.703
Greece drachma	350.0-357.0
Hong Kong dollar	11.5695-11.5789
India rupee	46.45-47.41
Kuwait dinar KD	0.4435-0.4535
Malaysia ringgit	3.8009-3.8050
Mexico peso	4.54-4.64
New Zealand dollar	2.6920-2.6988
Saudi Arabia riyal	5.5245-5.6505
Singapore dollar	2.3969-2.4001
S Africa rand (fin)	7.0040-7.0541
S Africa rand (com)	5.5034-5.0644
U A E dirham	5.4105-5.5345

*Barclays Bank GTS * Lloyds Bank*

DOLLAR SPOT RATES

Australia	1.4702-1.4805
Austria	11.89-11.90
Belgium (Com)	35.58-35.65
Canada	1.3203-1.3208
Denmark	6.952-6.972
France	5.935-5.945
Germany	1.689-1.690
Hong Kong	7.7518-7.7529
Ireland	1.384-1.386
Italy	1598.0-1599.5
Japan	101.4-101.5
Malaysia	2.5467-2.5477
Netherlands	1.9025-1.9035
Norway	7.335-7.355
Portugal	173.0-173.2
Singapore	1.606-1.607
Spain	139.6-139.8
Sweden	7.96-7.98
Switzerland	1.4975-1.4985

MONEY RATES (%)

Base Rates: Clearing Banks 6 Finance Hse 6
Discount Market Loans: O/night high: 6¼ Low 6 Week fixed: 6
Treasury Bills (Dis): Buy: 2 mth 5¾; 3 mth 5¾. Sell: 2 mth 5⅝; 3 mth: 5⅝.

	1 mth	2 mth	3 mth	6 mth	12 mth
Prime Bank Bills (Dis):	5¹³⁄₁₆-5¾	5¾-5⅝	5¾-5⅝	5⅝-5½	
Sterling Money Rates:	6-5¾	6-5¾	5¾-5⅝	5¾-5⅝	5⅝-5½
Interbank:	6-5¾	6-5¾	5¾-5⅝	5¾-5⅝	5⅝-5½

Overnight: open 6¼, close 6.

	1 mth	2 mth	3 mth	6 mth	12 mth
Local Authority Deps:	5¾	n/a	5⅝	5½	5½
Sterling CDs:	5⅞-5¾	5¾-5⅝	5¾-5⅝	5⅝-5½	5½-5⅜
Dollar CDs:	3.07-3.04	n/a	3.13-3.10	3.30-3.27	3.52-3.49
Building Society CDs:	5¾-5⅝	5¾-5⅝	5¾-5⅝	5⅝-5½	5½-5⅜

ECGD: Fixed Rate Sterling Export Finance Make-up day: July 30, 1993 Agreed rates Aug 25, 1993 to Sept 25, 1993 Scheme III: 7.26%. Reference rate July 1, 1993 to July 30, 1993. Scheme IV & V 6.009%.

EUROPEAN MONEY DEPOSITS (%)

Currency	7 day	1 mth	3 mth	6 mth	Call
Dollar:	3⅛-2⅞	3⅛-3	3⅛-3	3¼-3⅛	3⅛-2⅞
Deutschemark:	6¾-6⅝	6⅝-6½	6⅝-6½	6⅜-6¼	7-6
French Franc:	9¼-8¾	9-8¾	8-7⅞	7¾-7⅝	10-9
Swiss Franc:	5-5	4⅞-4¾	4⅝-4½	4½-4⅜	5-4
Yen:	3-2⅞	3-2⅞	2⅞-2¾	2⅞-2¾	3-2⅞

GOLD AND PRECIOUS METALS (Baird & Co)

Bullion: Open $372.75-373.25 **Close:** $373.20-374.00 **High:** $373.70-374.20 **Low:** $371.10-371.60 **Krugerrand:** $372.00-375.00 (£246.00-248.00)
Sovereigns: Old $85.00-88.00 (£56.50-58.50) **New** $85.00-88.00 (£56.50-58.50)
Platinum: $388.00 (£260.05) **Silver:** $4.71 (£3.12) **Palladium:** $138.25 (£92.05)

LIFFE OPTIONS

	Series	Calls Oct	Calls Jan	Calls Apr	Puts Oct	Puts Jan	Puts Apr
Alld Lyon	550	56	64	72	5	15	19
(*599)	600	22	32	45	22	35	41
Argyll	300	46	50	56	3	7	9
(*342)	330	22	31	36	10	17	21
ASDA	60	-	11	12	-	4	6
(*64)	70	-	6	7	-	6	7
Boots	460	39	47	58	7	15	18
(*492)	500	14	25	35	23	32	37
Br Airways	345	24	34	-	12	21	-
(*353)	360	16	26	34	20	29	33
BP	300	15	22	27	9	15	18
(*303)	330	3	9	14	29	33	35
Br Steel	110	13	17	22	5	8	10
(*114)	120	8	12	17	10	12	16
C & W	900	63	90	95	12	24	30
(*949)	950	33	50	67	32	45	52
CU	600	-	53	58	-	17	28
(*621)	650	-	26	31	-	43	55
ICI	681	35	55	-	19	28	-
(*695)	750	10	22	31	62	68	84
Kingfshr	650	41	58	71	16	25	26
(*675)	700	14	31	44	42	49	54
Land Sec	650	45	57	69	9	18	25
(*680)	700	16	30	43	31	42	49
M & S	360	24	32	39	7	13	16
(*378)	390	8	17	24	22	26	30
Nat West	460	34	46	51	8	15	23
(*478)	500	12	24	30	28	34	44
Sainsbury	460	51	60	71	5	12	16
(*505)	500	24	34	47	19	26	32
Shell	650	23	29	44	16	25	34
(*662)	700	5	17	23	50	54	64
SmKl Bch	420	60	68	77	5	12	16
(*467)	460	31	44	54	17	28	32
Storehse	220	17	19	24	9	14	16
(*223)	240	6	10	15	22	26	28
Trafalgar	101	13	-	-	4	-	-
(*109)	110	8	12	15	9	12	14
Unilever	1000	78	99	112	11	19	30
(*1061)	1050	42	67	91	28	39	51
Zeneca	650	56	69	76	11	19	31
(*695)	700	23	39	47	34	42	55

	Series	Calls Oct	Calls Feb	Calls May	Puts Oct	Puts Feb	Puts May
Grnd Met	420	45	57	63	4	13	16
(*463)	460	20	31	40	17	29	34
Ladbroke	200	19	25	27	9	14	21
(*216)	220	7	15	18	21	26	29
Utd Bisc	360	45	54	57	6	14	20
(*398)	390	23	36	39	17	27	34

	Series	Calls Nov	Calls Jan	Calls Apr	Puts Nov	Puts Jan	Puts Apr
BAA	750	65	69	84	12	19	27
(*793)	800	33	41	55	31	39	45
Thames W	500	40	49	57	6	10	13
(*536)	550	14	27	29	29	33	36

	Series	Calls Nov	Calls Feb	Calls May	Puts Nov	Puts Feb	Puts May
BAT Ind	450	41	57	-	7	13	-
(*492)	475	28	41	-	16	22	-
BTR	390	25	34	39	9	13	16
(*406)	420	10	19	25	25	29	34
Br Aero	420	68	84	91	17	21	25
(*468)	460	44	62	72	34	47	57
Br Telcm	420	24	30	36	11	19	21
(*429)	460	7	13	18	36	42	44
Cadbury	460	42	54	57	6	15	22
(*491)	500	19	31	35	27	35	42
Guinness	460	44	54	63	9	16	23
(*493)	500	20	30	41	27	33	43
GEC	330	28	34	40	5	10	12
(*346)	360	11	15	22	19	24	26
Hanson	240	24	29	29	4	8	10
(*260)	260	12	16	19	11	16	19
LASMO	130	14	19	22	9	12	15
(*135)	140	9	14	17	15	19	20
Lucas	140	25	26	31	4	7	9
(*162)	160	11	16	19	13	16	19
Pilkngtn	140	18	19	22	8	9	11
(*151)	160	7	9	13	19	21	22
Prudential	300	31	37	40	6	9	13
(*325)	330	17	20	23	19	22	26
Redland	550	38	51	59	25	32	45
(*567)	600	15	29	37	54	60	74
Royal Ins	317	25	33	-	12	16	-
(*328)	346	11	19	-	20	22	-
Tesco	220	22	29	34	8	14	17
(*234)	240	11	16	24	18	23	27
Vodafone	500	62	72	81	10	18	27
(*549)	550	31	43	52	40	50	[illegible]
Williams	330	24	32	36	13	17	23
(*346)	360	9	18	22	31	34	40

FT-SE INDEX (*3,076)

	2900	2950	3000	3050	3100	3150
Calls						
Aug	175	126	76	30	4	1
Sep	192	146	103	67	37	19
Oct	204	162	122	89	60	38
Nov	222	182	145	113	85	63
Dec	240	-	165	-	106	-
Puts						
Aug	1	1	1	5	27	77
Sep	6	9	17	30	54	86
Oct	12	20	32	47	68	98
Nov	25	36	49	65	90	115
Dec	35	-	61	-	102	-

	Series	Calls Sep	Calls Dec	Calls Mar	Puts Sep	Puts Dec	Puts Mar
Abby Nat	390	17	21	29	9	13	21
(*405)	420	4	16	23	22	29	37
Am Brad	330	5	6	7	1	2	3
(*34)	35	2	4	5	2	4	5
Barclays	460	22	27	47	7	16	24
(*470)	500	4	15	27	31	36	46
Blue Circ	260	7	17	24	12	27	27
(*274)	300	2	9	17	27	36	41
Br Gas	300	39	42	45	1	4	6
(*335)	330	12	23	26	4	12	17
Dixons	220	14	25	30	6	14	19
(*227)	240	4	14	21	18	25	29
Forte	220	17	25	31	3	10	14
(*227)	240	5	14	20	12	20	24
Hillsdwn	160	9	15	21	5	12	15
(*164)	180	2	7	12	19	25	28
Lonrho	120	11	19	22	2	7	10
(*129)	130	7	13	17	6	12	15
Sears	110	6	10	13	2	5	6
(*114)	120	2	5	8	9	11	12
Thrn Emi	900	59	92	97	4	16	26
(*952)	950	25	54	66	20	34	47
Tomkins	220	17	25	31	2	5	12
(*254)	240	5	15	21	11	17	20
TSB	200	[illegible]	22	24	4	9	13
(*207)	220	3	[illegible]	14	15	20	24
Wellcome	650	89	100	115	4	19	26
(*734)	700	43	71	58	12	37	50

	Series	Calls Sep	Calls Dec	Calls Apr	Puts Sep	Puts Dec	Puts Apr
Glaxo	550	51	64	82	6	26	30
(*591)	600	20	34	57	26	50	64
HSBC	750	25	56	78	19	34	56
(*763)	800	9	35	55	51	67	84
Reuter	1500	60	92	126	14	53	77
(*1560)	1550	35	65	91	29	78	99

	Series	Calls Sep	Calls Dec	Calls Feb	Puts Sep	Puts Dec	Puts Feb
R-Royce	160	7	14	19	7	14	17
(*161)	180	1	7	10	22	26	30

	Series	Calls Oct	Calls Dec	Calls Mar	Puts Oct	Puts Dec	Puts Mar
Fisons	160	27	24	31	4	9	11
(*179)	180	11	16	21	12	17	21

	Series	Calls Nov	Calls Feb	Calls May	Puts Nov	Puts Feb	Puts May
Eastn Elc	500	45	57	55	7	13	16
(*530)	550	16	24	32	29	36	39

	Series	Calls Sep	Calls Dec	Calls Mar	Puts Sep	Puts Dec	Puts Mar
Natl Pwr	350	34	45	49	1	6	11
(*383)	360	10	25	30	9	17	21
Sthn Pwr	330	27	33	36	1	6	9
(*352)	350	5	20	-	7	15	-

August 18, 1993 Tot: 73652 Call: 46390 Put: 27262 FT-SE Call: 16529 Put: 12906
*Underlying security price.

COMMODITIES

COMMODITY REPORT: Robusta coffee futures closed with sharp gains as the current upward move continued to gather pace while cocoa also ended higher but gains were limited by the strength of sterling. White sugar futures were lower at late afternoon, tracking a decline on the New York raws market.

LONDON COMMODITY EXCHANGE

COCOA
Sep .... 769-759 Dec 843-837
Dec .... 792-791 Mar 856-854
Mar .... 812-807 May 865-863
May .... 812-811 Jul 880-870
Jul 821-817
Sep .... 831-825 Volume: 4034

ROBUSTA COFFEE ($)
Sep .... 1230-1226 May 1148-1143
Nov .... 1215-1214 Jul 1160-1131
Jan .... 1195-1193 Sep 1150-1130
Mar .... 1171-1170 Volume: 5152

RAW SUGAR (FOB)
C Czarnikow Dec .... unq
Spot unq Mar ....
May .... unq May ....
Aug .... Aug ....
Oct .... Volume: 0

WHITE SUGAR (FOB)
Reuters May 257.7-253.0
Spot 250.0 Aug 264.5-263.5
Oct .... 250.0-255.5 Oct 256.0-255.0
Dec .... 254.5-254.0 Dec 258.0-257.0
Mar .... 255.0-255.2 Volume: 895

MEAT & LIVESTOCK COMMISSION
Average latstock prices at representative markets on August 18

(p/kg lw)	Pig	Sheep	Cattle
GB	70.96	85.73	130.72
(+/-)	-1.33	-4.34	+0.19
Eng/Wales	70.96	85.97	129.90
(+/-)	-1.25	-5.00	-0.05
(%)	-4.0	19.5	-6.2
Scotland	71.89	84.96	135.19
(+/-)	-9.71	-4.67	+0.79
(%)	-26.3	-41.5	-0.7

LONDON MEAT FUTURES
Live Pig (/kg)

	Open	Close		Open	Close
Aug	unq	unq	May	unq	unq
Sep	unq	unq			Volume: 0

GNI LONDON GRAIN FUTURES

WHEAT (close £/t)
Sep 104.75
Nov 106.30
Jan 108.30
Mar 110.45
May 112.40
Volume: 406

BARLEY (close £/t)
Sep 100.15
Nov 102.90
Jan 105.10
Mar 107.25
May 108.40
Volume: 35

HI-PRO SOYA (close £/t)
Aug .... unq
Oct ....
Dec ....
Feb ....
Apr ....
Volume: 0

POTATO

(£/t)	Open	Close
Nov	unq	65.0
Apr	76.1	77.5
May	unq	90.5
		Volume: 144

RUBBER
No 1 RSS Cif (p/kg)
Sep 60.25-60.75

ICIS-LOR *(London 6.00pm)*: The US stock figures failed to give any support, thus crude oil prices eased.

CRUDE OILS ($/barrel FOB)

Brent Physical	16.65	-0.20
Brent 15 day (Sep)	16.75	-0.20
Brent 15 day (Oct)	16.95	-0.20
W Texas Intermediate (Sep)	17.70	-0.25
W Texas Intermediate (Oct)	18.15	-0.25

PRODUCTS ($/MT)
Spot CIF NW Europe (prompt delivery)

	Bid	Offer
Premium Gas .15	193 (n/c)	195 (n/c)
Gasoil EEC	160 (n/c)	162 (n/c)
Non EEC 1H Sep	163 (n/c)	164 (n/c)
Non EEC 1H Oct	165 (-1)	166 (-1)
3.5 Fuel Oil	60 (n/c)	61 (n/c)
Naphtha	160 (-1)	162 (n/c)

IPE FUTURES
GNI Ltd

GAS OIL
Sep .... 161.50-61.75 Dec 168.25-68.50
Oct .... 163.75-64.00 Jan 167.50-69.75
Nov .... 166.00-66.25 Feb 169.25-69.75
Vol: 5744

BRENT (6.00pm)
Oct .... 16.92-16.95 Jan .... 17.45 SLR
Nov .... 17.12-17.13 Feb .... unq
Dec .... 17.29-17.30 Vol: 16760

UNLEADED GASOLINE
Sep .... 182.50-84.50 Dec .... unq
Oct .... unq Jan .... unq
Nov .... unq Vol: 30

BIFFEX
GNI Ltd ($10/pt)

	High	Low	Close
Aug 93	1445	1440	1441
Sep 93	1490	1479	1480
Oct 93	1515	1495	1495
Nov 93	1525	1510	1510

Vol: 426 lots. Open int'st: 3477 Index 1413 +18

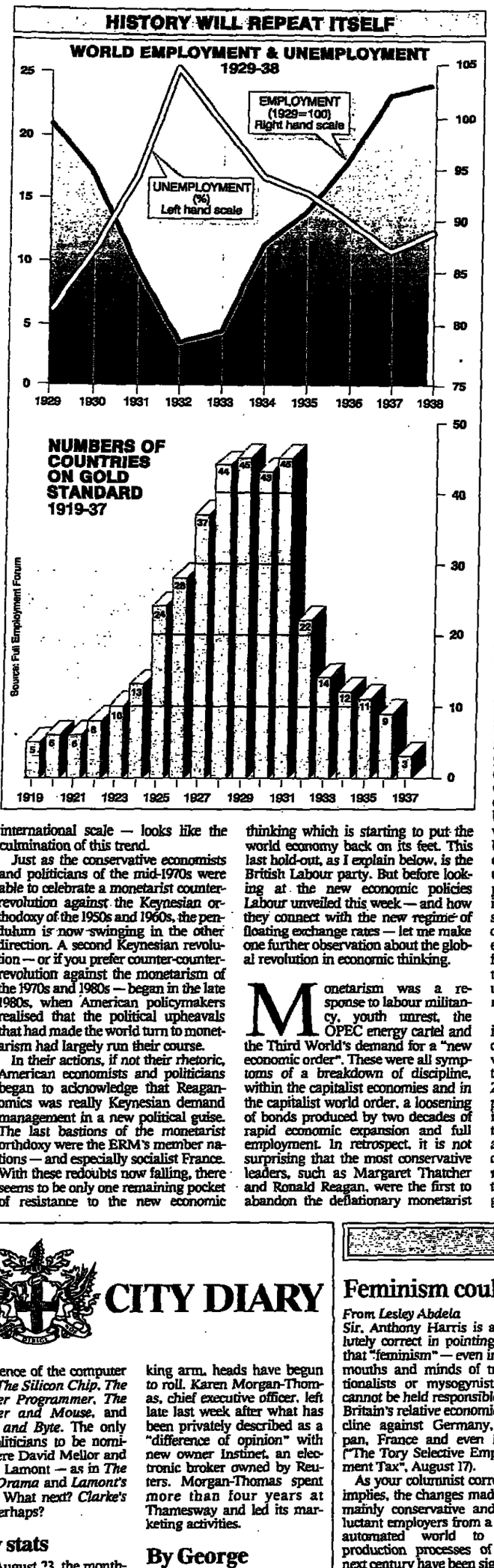
LONDON METAL EXCHANGE — Rudolf Wolff
(Official) (Volume prev day)

	Cash	3mth	Vol
Copper Gde A ($/tonne)	1923.0-1924.0	1900.0-1901.0	141795
Lead ($/tonne)	384.00-384.50	397.00-398.00	16325
Zinc Spec Hi Gde ($/tonne)	865.50-866.00	879.50-880.00	63140
Tin ($/tonne)	4780.0-4785.0	4840.0-4845.0	1568
Aluminium Hi Gde ($/tonne)	1148.0-1149.0	1172.0-1172.5	130415
Nickel ($/tonne)	4590.0-4595.0	4645.0-4650.0	51144

ECONOMIC VIEW

Labour party remains the last bastion of monetarism

As the pendulum swings in the other direction, Anatole Kaletsky looks forward to a new Keynesian revolution in economic thinking



When I returned from holiday, I made myself a promise to stop writing about exchange rates after I had unburdened myself of the private information about the breakup of the ERM, published here last Thursday. I intend to stick to this resolution, but must seek readers' indulgence for two more currency-related paragraphs.

First, I must issue a warning to anyone who followed the currency predictions published in this column on January 4. I said then that the yen would rise sharply and the mark would fall in 1993. This forecast, like the one about France abandoning its link with the mark, has now been fulfilled in spades. With the Japanese authorities genuinely alarmed about an uncompetitive exchange rate and Japan's trade surplus falling rapidly in real terms, there is now a serious possibility of a sharp reversal in the yen's 25 per cent appreciation against the dollar. It is also likely that the mark, which has fallen against the dollar as expected, will now recover, after its unshackling from the ERM.

My second observation about exchange rates may sound more abstract, but in the long run it is of much greater practical importance than any currency forecast. The unravelling of the ERM is the latest, and probably the most decisive, stage in the demise of the monetarist *ancien regime* that has run the world economy since the mid-1970s. The end of the ERM offers another argument for optimism about the long-term prospects for global growth and employment, and another reason for the hope that the world is now on the threshold of another era of rapid non-inflationary expansion, similar to the Keynesian golden age from the late 1940s to the early 1970s. A new exchange system usually coincides with a new wave of economic thinking — as in the 1930s after the abandonment of the gold standard and in 1974, after the collapse of Bretton Woods.

Some of the beneficial implications of such a breakthrough are suggested in a paper published last week by the Full Employment Forum, a think tank created by Bryan Gould, the Labour party Eurosceptic. *Co-ordinated Deflation*, by Michael Kitson and Jonathan Michie, explains how the inter-war gold standard produced the Great Depression and shows how the economic recovery of the late 1930s spread worldwide, as one country after another unpegged its currency from gold.

In the late 1980s, a similar process began, as governments began to abandon pre-ordained targets for money supply growth and other manifestations of the previous monetarist orthodoxy. The end of the ERM — an attempt to practice monetarism on an international scale — looks like the culmination of this trend.

Just as the conservative economists and politicians of the mid-1970s were able to celebrate a monetarist counter-revolution against the Keynesian orthodoxy of the 1950s and 1960s, the pendulum is now swinging in the other direction. A second Keynesian revolution — or if you prefer counter-counter-revolution against the monetarism of the 1970s and 1980s — began in the late 1980s, when American policymakers realised that the political upheavals that had made the world turn to monetarism had largely run their course.

In their actions, if not their rhetoric, American economists and politicians began to acknowledge that Reaganomics was really Keynesian demand management in a new political guise. The last bastions of the monetarist orthdoxy were the ERM's member nations — and especially socialist France. With these redoubts now falling, there seems to be only one remaining pocket of resistance to the new economic thinking which is starting to put the world economy back on its feet. This last hold-out, as I explain below, is the British Labour party. But before looking at the new economic policies Labour unveiled this week — and how they connect with the new regime of floating exchange rates — let me make one further observation about the global revolution in economic thinking.

Monetarism was a response to labour militancy, youth unrest, the OPEC energy cartel and the Third World's demand for a "new economic order". These were all symptoms of a breakdown of discipline, within the capitalist economies and in the capitalist world order, a loosening of bonds produced by two decades of rapid economic expansion and full employment. In retrospect, it is not surprising that the most conservative leaders, such as Margaret Thatcher and Ronald Reagan, were the first to abandon the deflationary monetarist orthodoxy once it had served its political purpose. Meanwhile, socialists such as Francois Mitterrand, Felipe Gonzalez and John Smith have clung to the old thinking like grim death. The conservative leaders' main concern was always to save capitalism — to restore the share of profits in national income, to encourage entrepreneurship and to minimise taxation and public spending. Once labour discipline was restored and free-market ideas regained international ascendancy, the right-wing Anglo-Saxon leaders wanted to bring back prosperity as quickly as possible. Growth and full employment were, in their view, the natural result of capitalism.

Socialists, by contrast, have a vested interest in the capitalist system not working too well. Their whole economic philosophy is predicated on the need for government intervention, if not to save the world from the "death-throes of capitalism" predicted in the 1970s, then at least to "correct market failures", noted by Labour today.

I yield to no one in my recognition that market failures abound in a *laissez-faire* economy. I believe that the unbridled pursuit of profit creates many social injustices, which can only be corrected by political action. I also believe that capitalism systematically undervalues culture, artistic endeavour, science and education, all of which are, in my opinion, at least as valuable to humanity as economic production, distribution and exchange. These and many other arguments suffice to justify a large and growing public sector in any advanced capitalist economy. They also explain why many social activities should be controlled by the political principle of one-man-one-vote, rather than the economic principle of one-pound-one-vote.

What they do not do, is justify the claims constantly made by French politicians, European commissioners and British Labour leaders — that government rules over hiring and firing, or government levies to pay for training employees, or government controls over currency speculators — are needed to make the capitalist *economy* work better. Such rules, enumerated in this week's Labour policy document, may be necessary or desirable for non-economic reasons. But, in general, they are unlikely to have much impact on the pattern of slow growth and inadequate investment which Gordon Brown, the shadow Chancellor, correctly identified on Tuesday as Britain's fundamental economic problem. If anything, interference in labour markets, and new taxes to finance training subsidies or uncommercial investment are likely, to reduce employment and growth.

This does not mean that government is powerless to influence the growth of a capitalist economy or to stimulate investment and cut unemployment. On the contrary, the experience of the past 20 years is conclusive. Government policies can help to stimulate growth, investment and employment in a capitalist economy, but the tools to do this are macroeconomic: low interest rates, competitive exchange rates, credit deregulation and fiscal expansion. These tools still rejected by most European governments — but not for long.

TEMPUS

Motor mergers

TALK to a car salesman in August and you are likely to hear a good story, but there are reasons for the sudden rush of confidence in motor dealers. Few would have predicted a year ago that Britain's economic recovery would be led by the motor sector, but car sales have risen and dealers are once again making good money.

In spite of expected growth of 11 per cent in August registrations, volumes are still low and margins are well short of their peak, in 1989, when the best were earning a return, high for the trade, of 3 per cent on sales. Lex Service, whose shares have out-performed the market by about 50 per cent, is one of the leaders, with 3.6 per cent of UK sales, and is earning a margin of less than 2 per cent.

The problem facing dealers is how to increase their share of the cake. Manufacturers are under pressure and have squeezed the dealer's margin to stimulate sales, with the result that some Ford franchisees are complaining that they are unable to make a profit. A few manufacturers, notably Peugeot, are helping dealers to finance their stocks, but the retailing of cars is a high-overhead business, and, having cut costs during the lean years, most companies are looking for volume to boost the bottom line.

Dealers make their money on service and parts, but they need the large-scale corporate fleet market to drive the servicing and second-hand car sales. Those companies that are not able to corner a larger share of the fragmented motor dealer market may begin to look vulnerable.

More consolidation is therefore on the cards, and candidates for mergers are likely to come from the middle-ranking companies, such as Appleyard, Evans Halshaw and Perry Group. However, earnings multiples in the sector are already in the high teens, discounting much of the growth potential and virtually ruling out contested bids.

Marley

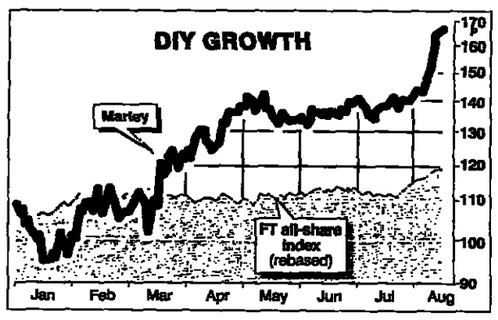
SHARES in the building sector have risen strongly in recent months as recovery in housebuilding activity gathers pace. The news coming out of Marley, one of the first building materials groups to report, suggests some of that optimism has been premature.

While new house sales rose strongly earlier in the year, the figures for May and June fell slightly, suggesting that the pace of recovery has slowed. Moreover, housebuilders have built up large stocks of new houses, which means that the building materials suppliers do not automatically benefit from increases in activity.

Marley saw its UK turnover fall 2 per cent in the first half. The good news is that it was still able to drive profits forward by cutting costs aggressively. The group has taken £60 million of costs out of the business since 1990, an impressive, but only too necessary, achievement. It has widened margins against the background of prices that in general, are still lower than they were in the same period last year.

This bodes well for Marley, and indeed its rivals, suggesting that when prices begin to pick up again, as they are beginning to do, profits should rise strongly. This is just as well. The relentless growth and high margins Marley has enjoyed in the German market cannot go on indefinitely.

On a prospective p/e ratio of 23, the shares already reflect the positive news.



BICC

BICC has long been a favoured recovery stock, but since last October, when the shares stood at 200p, the price has risen too far, too fast and too early.

A clear signal from yesterday's interim report — that the road ahead is rough — caused the shares to fall back from 417p to 403p.

The dividend, maintained at 6p, looks generous, covered by net earnings that have fallen from 11.2p to 8.2p a share. If BICC had thought of making a dividend cut, then it should have done it last year. But it did not, and having lived through the storm so far, it would be unwise to do so now.

BICC's vigorous cost control is a saving grace at a time when economic activity is patchy. Spain let BICC down in the first half, but there are savings of at least Can$10 million to look forward to in Canada from rationalisation steps already taken.

Once economies recover at home and abroad, and higher margin work is secured, profits will spring forward like a lamb. But BICC's dividend cover needs to be restored, and though a same again total payment of 19.25p looks likely this year, to yield 5.9 per cent, any dividend increase is likely to be later rather than sooner.

Bundesbank

THE OECD's annual report on Germany and the Bundesbank's first monthly report since the ERM went floating together read like a rerun of the bad-tempered debate that culminated in the August 1 fiasco. From its Paris base, the OECD sees lower interest rates as the only quick way out of Germany's recession despite the monetary bulge. The Bundesbank focuses on the need to be cautious to counter "sustained strong monetary growth and the persistent inflationary pressure" in Germany, blaming fiscal laxity and rising labour costs.

Critical to the Buba's stance, however, was a surprisingly insecure bout of *amour propre* over the international value of the mark. Jokes over the mark being the weak man of Europe and losing its anchor status within the ERM as the world's second most important currency evidently did not go down well in Frankfurt.

While it makes ritual remarks about caution on interest and exchange rates in other ERM countries to preserve the timetable for monetary union, the Bundesbank is only too clearly quite happy to see France *et al* use their "wider bands" to cut their interest rate cloth to suit their own cyclical requirements.

The Bundesbank stance implies emphasis on a strong mark and much steeper interest rates cuts round the rest of the Community. That suits Britain ideally as well as supporting the stock market bulls, since it would retain exchange-rate advantages and still permit another base-rate cut no later than the November budget. The other players have yet to co-operate.

THE TIMES CITY DIARY

Miner's son digs deep at Salomon

DERYCK Maughan, the Yorkshire coalminer's son who runs Salomon Brothers Inc. has made a paper profit of $10 million a day since adding to his shares in the Wall Street investment bank 20 days ago. And the person he has to thank for it is none other than Warren Buffett, the billionaire investor who redeemed the firm from its Treasury bond scandal two years ago. Word that Buffett is keen to nearly double his stake to 25 per cent has sent the shares soaring. They hit $48.75 yesterday, 21 per cent above Maughan's purchase of 25,000 shares at $40 each, costing $1 million. Indeed, he has made almost as much profit on his new shares in three weeks as Buffett has in six years. The billionaire paid $700 million for his stake in 1987 — or $38 a share, giving him a capital gain of 28 per cent, and he has been receiving dividends of $63 million a year.

Pub talk

THE two new images most likely to be seen on the UK's 50,000 or so public house signs in the next century are the computer and Margaret Thatcher's face. Last month, the Brewers' Society asked licensees to say who, or what from the 20th century, would be likely to appear on pub signs after the year 2000. Overwhelmingly, one personality dominated — Lady T — with suggestions for names including *Maggie's Den*, *The Thatcher* and *The Iron Lady*. Names put forward to mark the influence of the computer include *The Silicon Chip*, *The Computer Programmer*, *The Computer and Mouse*, and *The Bit and Byte*. The only other politicians to be nominated were David Mellor and Norman Lamont — as in *The Mellor Drama* and *Lamont's Lament*. What next? *Clarke's Shoes*, perhaps?

Early stats

FROM August 23, the monthly UK economic statistics will be released at 9.30am instead of 11.30am. An attempt to head off any insider dealing, perhaps? Not so, says the Central Statistical Office. "This one is more at the behest of Downing Street," says a CSO spokesman. "The markets tend to hang around all morning waiting for the figures."

Differing ways

A MATTER of days after BZW announced the sale of Thamesway Investment Services, its soft-commission broking arm, heads have begun to roll. Karen Morgan-Thomas, chief executive officer, left late last week after what has been privately described as a "difference of opinion" with new owner Instinet, an electronic broker owned by Reuters. Morgan-Thomas spent more than four years at Thamesway and led its marketing activities.

By George

THAT august body, the Association of British Factors and Discounters, has finally pulled off the coup that has long been eluding it. The association, where Ben Allen takes over as chairman from Alan Hughes next month, has persuaded the Governor of the Bank of England to speak at its annual meeting on May 11 1994. Hughes tried for years to nail Eddie George's predecessor, Lord Kingsdown, formerly Robin Leigh-Pemberton, as speaker, only to be met by polite but steadfast refusals. That's factoring for you.

MYSTIFICATION reigned at breakfast tables nationwide yesterday as householders tried to figure if they will benefit from proposals to lower the threshold for competition in gas supply. The Monopolies and Mergers Commission had done its sums in therms. British Gas has been sending out bills in kilowatt/hours since last year. "The legal date for a changeover is not until December 31, 1999," says an unrepentant MMC spokesman. For those with a calculator, 1 therm equals 29.3071 KwH.

JON ASHWORTH



Buffett: Salomon fan

BUSINESS LETTERS

Feminism could be the locomotive for development

From Lesley Abdela

Sir, Anthony Harris is absolutely correct in pointing out that "feminism" — even in the mouths and minds of traditionalists or mysogynists — cannot be held responsible for Britain's relative economic decline against Germany, Japan, France and even Italy ("The Tory Selective Employment Tax", August 17).

As your columnist correctly implies, the changes made by mainly conservative and reluctant employers from a pre-automated world to the production processes of the next century have been significantly on the *backs* of women — the five million or so part-time, low-paid, low-resourced part-time workers who ease in automation so flexibly and cheaply. But this is sheer happenstance in a period of rapid change. It cannot continue for long.

What true feminism — women and men working together equally — would achieve, if this were a forward-looking nation, is a high-skill, well-resourced, secure (and therefore loyal) workforce, whether male or female — and probably well-run governments, too.

Instead, we see every obstacle put in the way of the future of the UK as an industrial nation, from refusing to adhere to the Social Protocol, to offering women on average half the training males receive, to downgrading equal opportunities whereever possible, to refusing to implement a national, affordable, good-quality childminding/out of school system such as they have in France.

The successful nations in the West of the future will not be defeatist, attempting to maintain a sweated, largely female workforce — who could compete with the five tigers and China on that?

I would go further: I contend that women's open space thinking and women's perspectives could be the locomotive which revolutionises the industries and products of the future — given a decent chance.

Yours faithfully,
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The real owners of a pension surplus

From M. E. Gaisford

Sir, In response to Sara McConnell's question, "Who owns a pension surplus?" (August 9), may I offer a number of possible answers?

1. In any scheme where pensions in payment have been fully indexed, any surplus would "belong" to the employer.
2. Where full indexing has not been made, any 'surplus' (as presently defined) should be considered as 'belonging' to the scheme members and the employer in the ratio of their contributions over a defined period, say 20 years, including any deficit which had to be made good by the employer.
3. Alternatively, and rather more fairly, since the present 'surpluses' have arisen very largely simply because of inflation (where assets have kept pace with inflation or even increased in real value whilst the pensions paid out have not been fully indexed) no surplus should be deemed to exist until all pensions in payment have been restored to their original value, and full compensation paid for past under-indexation. The genuine surplus that then remains would 'belong' to the members. Until it is recognised and accepted that the so-called 'surpluses' are primarily the result of 'short-changing' pensioners in the past, no equitable solution to the problem will be found.

Yours faithfully,
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Think of elderly when cutting interest rates

From Mr V. E. M. Bowell

Sir, Neil MacKinnon's article in the Gilt-Edged column (August 9) made me realise that the attitude of working journalists-cum-bankers completely ignores the situation of the large proportion of those who have retired and rely substantially on interest from banks, building societies in particular, and gilts etc to supplement their pensions, which seldom keep up with inflation.

Mr MacKinnon's article rejoices in the reduction of interest rates, lower mortgage repayments and easy credit terms. Yet those working are likely to have the opportunity to increase their incomes by rises in salary, promotion and moving to other jobs.

Not so the retired person, who immediately has a reduction in salary and recently has had a reduction in income from savings as interest rates fallen by half or more and who now faces the prospect of increased taxation.

One knows that the proportion of retired people in the population is growing, and I wonder how many readers of *The Times* are retired people.

Is it not time that consideration on lowering interest rates is looked at from the point of view of older people, especially as so many people are retiring early now?

There will be no "consumer led" recovery from retired people.

Yours sincerely,
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Outplacement and redundancy

From Mrs Anne Isaacs

Sir, Widget Finn ("Life After Redundancy — How to Choose the right help", August 12) is to be applauded for encouraging managers to think hard and "shop around" before committing themselves to an outplacement consultancy.

May I add that primarily the client needs to feel able to establish a rapport with the consultancy's general style. This is essential if productive work is to result. He or she also needs to ask: how capable are they of helping me to define my objectives and to stimulate me in achieving the results I want? How imaginative is the consultancy's approach to devising the job search plan and drawing up the curriculum vitae?

Yours faithfully,
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Stopping the clock on small business lending

From Mr H Roberts

Sir, I disagree with Graham Searjeant. The bank lending figures demonstrate the reluctance of the banks to lend to anyone other than gilt edged/blue chip situations.

The small, struggling business finds it impossible to restructure because of the strictures imposed by the lending institutions. Having allowed the pendulum to swing violently in the boom years of the late eighties, they seem now determined to stop the clock altogether.

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Professions aim to make free advice go a long way

BY JON ASHWORTH

THE prospect of an accountant switching off the meter and dishing out free advice runs contrary to every rule in the number-crunching manual. But mention the word "charity" and matters are seen in a very different light. So it has come to pass that dozens of accountancy firms across the UK, as well as lawyers, chartered surveyors and other professionals, are happily providing thousands of hours' worth of advice — and not charging a penny.

They are all members of the Professional Firms Group (PFG), which aims to make professional advice available to community projects. Firms from the Big Six down agree to donate £5,000 of professional time a year to projects selected by Business in the Community, an organisation that encourages the private sector to get involved with broader social issues.

Churches, workshops and day centres for the homeless are all benefiting from some of the best advice available. Accountants Neville Russell helped design a tax structure for a nursery on the Isle of Dogs, east London; Price Waterhouse helped regenerate an estate in Loughborough; and Coopers & Lybrand is developing a business plan for an ambitious centre for the homeless in an area notorious for drug addiction and prostitution.

Julie Lowe, the driving force behind the Battle Bridge Centre, near King's Cross station in London, is grateful for all the advice she can get. Ms Lowe, who was helped by Anna Matthews from Coopers & Lybrand, hopes to turn a plot of derelict land into an oasis providing shelter for 12 homeless people, a community health project and an exhibition centre.

"A lot of the infrastructure is in place," said Ms Lowe, director of Community Creation, an educational trust. "Planning permission is due in September. We intend to build environmental chalets at a cost of £2,000 apiece."

The idea is to create a "green village" including shops, offices and a cafe.

Other PFG members include Clark Whitehill, Ernst & Young, KPMG Peat Marwick and Touche Ross. Ongoing projects include Three Mills Island, a 200-acre site in Hackney, east London, where a park is being developed around a £20 million museum. An accountant is needed to put together a business plan. The same is true of Bromley-by-Bow centre in east London, a collection of workshops and cafes for artists and craftspeople, which needs an accountant to help with financial strategy, and St Paul's church, a listed building, also in east London. The site is being renovated for community use and an accountant is needed to set up a business planning system.

The initial emphasis has been on London, but the PFG web is spreading to the regions. There are PFG subgroups in South Wales, the West Midlands and Yorkshire, and four more are due to follow by year end.

"This is a significant contribution to helping communities to help themselves, rather than just throwing money at the problems," said Christopher Jonas, senior partner of Drivers Jonas, a firm of chartered surveyors, and the inspiration for the first PFG, which opened in London in 1989. "It was a simple idea which has grown quite well." Up to £500,000 of professional time is being made available — enough to make an accountant's blood run cold — but it shows that the firms are not always the vultures they are made out to be.

MARTIN BEDDALL



Creating an oasis: Julie Lowe, left, helped by Anna Matthews, hopes to transform derelict land near King's Cross

Rose-tinted vision is made to measure

THERE are times when accountants become really irked by the perceived narrowness of their function. You can always tell when this has happened. They start issuing discussion documents that suggest they have the key to a much wider future.

The classic example of this genre appeared in 1991. It was called *Information Age Accounting: A Key to Long-term Corporate Success* and was published by Arthur Andersen in America. On the front cover an illustration shows a green valley with snow-capped mountains beyond. A wide path veers off to the left and out of picture. A narrow and ill-kempt path leads unobtrusively towards the peaks. An appropriate quotation from the poet Robert Frost appears alongside: "Two roads diverged in the wood, and I — I took the one less travelled by. And that has made all the difference."

This is exactly what thoughtful accountants feel. Their ankles are trammelled by all this thorny undergrowth of audit, but if they could only use their brain power to get free, then the promised land would be theirs.

The promised land these days is performance measurement. That was what the Andersen document was all about and is also the substance of in the recent discussion document from the Scots ICA, *Measurement — The Total Picture*. The difficulty is that it is hard for accountants to make this subject as solid as those they normally deal with. They are unhappy with vague abstractions that mean different things to different people. Like the screen at every management conference you have ever been to, the Scots document features illustrations with arrows pointing in different directions and terms like scenarios, operations, strategic business plan and monitor scattered amongst them. And accountants are unhappy with statements that are unverifiable. The discussion document quotes British Airways' stated goals. One of them is "to be a good neighbour".



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Asked to measure something like that, the average Edinburgh accountant is likely at least to raise an eyebrow or two.

For all that, the accountancy profession's aim in raising the issue of performance measurement deserves wider recognition. In the Andersen document, its author, managing partner Dick Measelle, wrote of information age accounting: "This is no less than the development of what we believe will be a comprehensive integration of management information with investor information. We believe it offers the prospect of moving beyond the Babel of competing management and investor data, and also of transcending the present hodgepodge of accounting practices worldwide."

This is echoed in the Scots publication. It argues that private sector managements have always worked from a mixture of financial and non-financial measurements "but the emphasis to date has tended to be on financial measurements". It then argues that "accountants recognise the deficiencies of this model". They could then logically reach the conclusion: "Measuring profit alone is not intended, nor is it able, to provide signals for assessing the likely long-term success of a company, large or small."

The Andersen model is probably flawed. It argues that in a global marketplace companies will have to produce much more information to enable them to have access to global capital markets at advantageous rates. That is undoubtedly true. The conclusion that companies will see the need to provide investors and other interested parties with a mass of financial and non-financial information seems unlikely, however profitable it would be for the accountancy firm doing the measuring. Companies generally hate providing information unless it shows them unequivocally in a good light. The idea of providing the world with the tools for more accurate analysis — when that analysis might only show the company to be underperforming — is not likely to be attractive to chief financial officers, whatever Andersen may think. The Scots come up against the same dilemma. Harking back to the seminal 1988 Scots ICA research document *Making Corporate Reports Valuable*, this new report supports the view that "investors and other stakeholders need the same sort of information as management, both so that they are fully informed in the decisions they have to make in relation to their shares, and also so that they are in a position to judge whether the management they have appointed are managing the affairs of the entity properly". Convincing company managements that the people they see as outsiders should have more, rather than less, information, and that this information should be presented in a clear, rather than a confusing way, is going to be difficult. If the Scots have any doubts about that, they should ask one of their most famous sons, one David Tweedie, now battling away gallantly at the Accounting Standards Board, for his views on the topic.

To be fair, the Scots document does hint at this. For the likely answer, read between the lines of the statement: "We do not foresee significant external disclosure of quantitative information taking place for a considerable time, until the measurement methods needed are sufficiently developed and proven and until there has been a thorough dialogue about the nature of any such information disclosure."

Performance measurement is a worthy goal for the accountancy profession. Whether it gets there depends on a variety of factors, all hard to measure. Dick Measelle is famous for running each year with the bulls in Pamplona. The current Scots ICA president, Nigel Macdonald, whose baby this new discussion document is, has a reputation for being somewhat more sedentary than that.

How would you measure which version of the future is likely to triumph?

SFO and liquidators move closer

BY ROSALIND RESTON AND NEIL DOOLEY

THE recession has seen a proliferation of corporate insolvencies that have run in tandem with investigations by the Serious Fraud Office. This year was due to see the start of the trial of Asil Nadir of Polly Peck. The SFO is still gearing up towards trials of charges against Roger Levitt of the Levitt Group, Mohammed Naviede of the Manchester based Arrows Group, and the Maxwell brothers, all arising out of insolvencies. Some, like Nadir, were under suspicion prior to the demise of their business; others became targets after a steep profit collapse when banks, liquidators or creditors wondered where the money had gone.

As a result, the relationship between the SFO and the liquidators of, for example, the Maxwell group, has become much more significant with both sides attempting to obtain valuable information from the other. The SFO continues to work with the liquidators of BCCI, though several people believed to have participated in the BCCI fraud are in detention abroad, so it is not known whether there will be any prosecutions here.

In 1992, the SFO came under pressure after criticism following unsuccessful prosecutions coupled with the cost of investigations and the expense of lengthy trials. Fraud is an extremely complex area of the law. In attempting to raise public confidence and, perhaps even more importantly, provide value for money, the SFO is determined to open every door in pursuit of evidence, including the door of liquidators.

Section 2 of the Criminal Justice Act 1987 confers wide-ranging — and some would say excessive — powers on the SFO. In short, the SFO is entitled, with certain exceptions, to *all* papers in the possession of a liquidator or anyone else upon the presentation of the requisite notice. Although the liquidator's own papers will be beyond the reach of the SFO, the prosecuting authorities have, in the Maxwell and Arrows enquiries, been seeking copies of documents previously thought to be unobtainable.

A liquidator has the power to examine in private former directors and employees of insolvent companies. The primary purpose is to help the liquidator understand the workings of the company, although the House of Lords held in the British & Commonwealth case that this was not the only purpose. The courts have held that, faced with such questioning, the director *must* answer. The examination is on oath. Faced with a potentially incriminating question, the errant director can either lie, and face potential perjury charges, or own up and incriminate himself.

If the director owns up, he can expect the SFO to appear on his doorstep, even if it they were not previously investigating, after the wide-reaching decision in the Arrows case. The Court of Appeal held that transcripts of private examinations were documents properly covered by a Section 2 notice from the SFO.

The tone of the Court of Appeal judgment leaves us in no doubt that the relationship between liquidators and the SFO will become closer, though not necessarily friendlier. In the Arrows case, the liquidators were willing to co-operate with the SFO, subject to conditions and service of Section 2 notice. The administrators of the Maxwell companies have expressed concern based on an important public interest in the administration of insolvencies generally. This is that transcripts should be released only where they assist management of the insolvent estate, and not to provide the SFO with a short cut to admissible evidence.

Liquidators are now almost under a positive obligation to provide the SFO with transcripts where they suspect they contains information useful to the SFO. If they resist, the courts will, upon a formal request by the SFO, automatically order disclosure and may censure the liquidators.

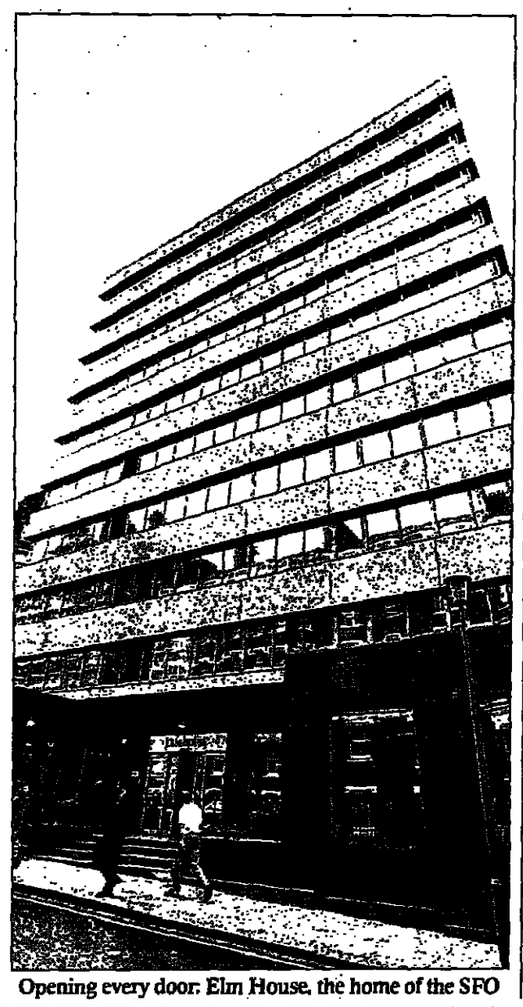
In addition, liquidators, as court appointed officers, should clearly not give undertakings to directors that transcripts of private examinations will not be passed to the SFO. Such undertakings will be overruled by the courts, relying on the apparent principle advanced by Lord Justice Steyn in the Arrows case that the Criminal Justice Act 1987 and the Insolvency Act 1986 "reflect an overriding public interest in the free flow of information from [liquidators] to prosecuting authorities about the commission of offences".

In short, the court has reaffirmed that the interests of criminal justice will outweigh the interests of creditors.

The winner, clearly, is the SFO. After last year's disappointments and the departure of Barbara Mills, George Staple, the present director, has established that the powers under the Criminal Justice Act 1987 are very far reaching.

Whether, in the words of Lord Justice Steyn, "it should significantly improve the chances of the SFO system functioning more effectively" and "assist in reducing the extravagant length of some serious fraud trials" remains to be seen.

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Opening every door: Elm House, the home of the SFO

Time to think again on charity accounts reform

BY CHRIS HORDERN

MICHAEL Webber, a charity commissioner and chairman of the Charity Accounting Review Committee, has recently issued for comment the exposure draft of SORP2 *Accounting by Charities*. Its introduction sets the document's harsh tone: "The existing statement of recommended practice published in May 1988 by the Accounting Standards Committee aimed to provide guidelines embodying best practice for those responsible for charity reports and accounts. It offered alternative treatment in a number of instances. Experience in working with the original guidelines has shown that many of these alternatives need to be eliminated for the sake of simplicity and consistency."

Eliminating alternative accounting approaches is never easy. Charities vary widely, so consensus requires established positions to change. In my view, the consultation period was too short for such fundamental change. Even the drafting was rushed; with more time, changes might have been better explained and conflicts with accounting standards avoided.

Standard setting is a continually evolving process. Financial conditions change, businesses adapt and innovate. Changes may occur more slowly in charities but, over time, their accounting will also need to adjust. It would be wise to incorporate safety valves for further review.

The prescriptive approach is seen clearly in the requirement that a statement of financial activities will replace the traditional income and expenditure account. The proposed new statement has the advantage of showing all the ways a charity spends money it receives. Paragraphs 58 to 106 of the SORP set out in detail information to be included, followed by examples. Yet the first example treats capital spending as an immediate reduction in resources — contrary to well established accounting principles.

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The statement of financial activities introduces concepts many will find hard to follow; expressions such as resources arising, resources used and functional costs are not ones with which accountants are generally familiar, let alone the thousands of volunteers from all walks of life engaged in charitable work.

Lack of explanation questions other proposed requirements, for example:

- ☐ disclosure of indemnity insurance for staff or agents;
- ☐ disclosure of the 20 largest grants made by a charity;
- ☐ disclosure of emoluments of employees over £30,000;
- ☐ ignoring the going concern and prudence concepts in the case of small charities;
- ☐ requiring charities that are not companies to give information that company charities are not permitted to give.

Another curious proposal concerns intangible income. Where a charity receives donated facilities, voluntary help or beneficial loan arrangements that it would otherwise have to purchase, paragraph 66 would require them to be included in the statement of financial activities in enough detail to give a clear appreciation of the benefit derived.

This implies the items should be quantified in some way. Measuring the benefit of voluntary helpers or the employment of retired people would normally be difficult and highly subjective; it may also be offset by intangible expenditure, such as publicity. Surely a separate narrative statement would be better.

There are cases where the exposure draft is inconsistent with existing accounting standards. Treatment of grants receivable departs from the matching concept. Where a grant is specifically related to spending in a future accounting period, the approach in SSAP4, *Accounting for Government Grants*, is appropriate. Part of the grant should be deferred to match that spending.

The exposure draft incorporates some good ideas, such as placing emphasis on the role of narrative commentary to support the figures. Indeed, it should be noted that the presentation of a true and fair view involves both the accounts and the trustees' report, rather than just the accounts.

Even these good ideas need expressing better, however, and the Charity Commission should do some rethinking before issuing a revised SORP.

The author chairs a working party set up by the ICAEW's Financial Reporting Committee to review the draft SORP2.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Fowle flies to top job

MORE high-level changes at KPMG Peat Marwick, where Michael Fowle, head of the audit practice and stout public defender of the faith, has been chosen to succeed Colin Sharman as senior partner for the South East region. The appointment, effective from October 1, hands Fowle, 53, the reins of KPMG's most profitable region, generating 60 per cent of the UK firm's £500 million fee income at the last count. He will also be looking after 4,600 partners and staff. Sharman, who becomes overall senior partner in the new year, headed the region at a time of redundancies and non-replacement, which has seen KPMG's head-count fall from 10,583 to 9,125 since 1991. "I am delighted by the confidence the partners in the region have shown in me," says Fowle, who sits on the ICA's auditing committee. "They know that I take a long-term view, emphasising independence and quality of opinion above all — and they seem to like it." His elevation may, indeed, lead to a more relaxed pace at the firm's London headquarters. Fowle's motto for years has been: Never knowingly out of breath.

Peak effort

ACCOUNTANTS, secretaries and staff at the Southampton office of Price Waterhouse discarded their suits and calculators last Friday, donned mountaineering gear and set off for a little light weekend's recreation — climbing the three highest peaks in Scotland, England and Wales back to back. In an impressive display of stamina, the team scaled Ben Nevis before tackling Scafell Pike and rounding off with Snowdon, all in 26 hours. "The only question remaining is what do we do next," says PW's Ian Monier-Williams, who organised the challenge but deftly avoided any actual climbing. Nick Ward, who led the climb, was keen to tackle a fourth peak and had to be restrained. The weekend raised more than £3,000 for Wessex Heartbeat, a fund-raising charity for the cardiac centre at Southampton General Hospital.

Debt trap

IT SEEMS accountants are among the least efficient when it comes to chasing fees from clients. Bad debt levels of up to 5 per cent are common and many higher percentages have been recorded, according to a snap survey. James Ward, who is going into his final year of accountancy and finance at Leeds University, found 53 per cent of the firms he quizzed considered the typical levels of bad debts to be acceptable. Only 26 per cent used external debt collectors. "You'd expect accountants, as professional people, to practise what they preach," says Ward, 20, who conducted the survey during a holiday job with Credit Limits, a debt collection agency in Hertfordshire. "You would expect fees to rise to make up the difference."

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Shares driven to new high

ACCOUNT DAYS: Dealings began August 16. Dealings end September 3. §Contango day September 6. Settlement day September 13. §Forward bargains are permitted on two previous business days. Prices recorded are at market close. Changes are calculated on the previous day's close, but adjustments are made when a stock is ex-dividend. Changes, yields and price/earnings ratios are based on middle prices.

BANKS, DISCOUNT, HP

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
425	345	Abbey Nat	403 †	+ 1	11.5	3.6	15.5
284	179	Allied Irish	228 †	+ 8	...	3.5	13.5
194	130	Aust New Z	194	+ 1	...	4.6	...
3800¾	2712½	Bankamerica	3081½	+ 6¾	...	...	...
255	177	Bk of Ireland	255	+ 8	...	4.8	20.5
350	325	Bk Leumi UK	350	...	17.0	6.1	...
176	116½	Bank Scotland	170	− 1½	4.5	3.4	33.0
510	362	Barclays	472 †	− 5	...	...	...
6¼	2	Benchmark	4	+ ¼	...	...	...
21	15½	Carlisle	20	...	...	...	...
559	395	Caser Allen	558	...	27.0	6.0	...
143	85	Cumes	143	+ 4½	...	3.7	10.0
2450	1787½	Chase Manh	2250 †	−99½	...	...	...
2243½	1343½	Citicorp	2162½	− 31½	...	...	...
415	253	Close Bros	409	+ 2	...	2.9	18.2
£130½	92½	Commercial Bk	£128½	+2½	...	3.1	...
£310½	£250½	Deutsche Bk	£310½	+3½	...	1.9	...
95	45	First Nat Fin	92 †	...	...	0.1	...
1651	876	Fuji Bank Y	1634	...	...	...	...
450	343	Gerrard Nat	450	+ 1	21.5	5.1	13.0
774	490	HSBC	764	− 8	19.0	3.1	18.3
752	494	HSBC HK	741	− 8	19.0	3.2	17.7
398	243	Hambros	378	+ 3	14.0	4.6	17.5
363	313	Joseph (L)	363	...	16.6	5.7	...
155	96	King Shaxson	154	...	9.0	7.3	...
532	312	Kleinwort Ben	499 †	+ 6	16.0	4.2	17.3
591	492	Lloyds	545	...	18.4	4.2	15.6
88	63	Lon Scot Bk	86	...	3.0	4.4	17.0
515	322	Nat Aust Bk	505	− 10	...	4.0	17.5
512	398	Nat West	481 †	+ 1	17.5	4.5	20.2
445	370	Provident	445	+ 10	11.4	3.2	19.3
52	39	Ren Bros	52	+ 1	0.5	1.2	53.0
1035	727	Rl Bk Scot	702	+ 1	8.8	3.8	17.0
1193	467½	Schroders	1183	+ 5	...	1.3	23.6
994	576	Stand Chart	989 †	+ 6	20.0	3.5	...
218	145½	TSB	207 †	...	6.4	3.9	...
190	78	Union Disc	189	...	...	...	...
810	529	Warburg SG	804	+20	...	3.0	20.3
282½	185	do- 6% 'A'	282½	+ 2½	...	2.7	...
7850	4843½	Wells Fargo	7487½	−193½	...	1.4	...
185	121	Westpac	183	...	...	4.1	...
280	188	Wintrust	280 †	...	9.3	4.2	25.0

BREWERIES

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
646	517	Allied-Lyons	599	+13	...	4.6	16.2
647	441	Bass	606	+20	18.9	4.7	11.0
290	189	Boddington	274	...	7.3	3.3	16.0
441	362	Bulmer (HP)	441	+ 5	...	2.9	19.2
199	159	Burtonwd Bw	193	...	...	4.7	19.5
287	261	Dewsnap (IA)	287	...	7.8	2.5	21.8
118	75	Eldridge P 'A'	118	+ 2	...	3.4	31.2
68½	50	Fosters Brewng	54	...	...	5.0	7.5
405	338	Fullr Sm 'A'	400	...	7.4	2.3	17.1
483	363	Grand Met	461	+10	13.3	3.2	15.2
407	347	Grmalds Gp	363	− 5	11.7	4.1	12.0
572	508	Greene King	570	...	...	2.7	16.1
526	437	Guinness	492½	+7½	...	3.0	17.5
311	265	Hardy & Hansn	285	+10	7.9	3.7	17.9
125	105	Hawthorne	115	...	3.0	3.3	27.4
352	256	Highland Dist	352	...	6.0	2.1	23.4
3138	2538	Holt J	2938	...	41.0	1.7	19.1
38	33	Hoskins Brew	36 #	...	...	...	40.1
322	280	Invrgordn Dist	287	...	2.9	1.0	20.0
186	155	Macallan-Glen	155	...	6.9	0.7	34.8
465	375	Macdn Marsh 'A'	378	...	...	2.9	18.0
214	164	Mansfield	198	...	...	2.4	14.2
299	231	Morgan Thmp	294	...	...	2.4	14.3
649	538½	Matthew Clark	635 †	+25	...	3.1	...
300	253	Mrydwn W	286 †	+ 2	7.0	3.1	...
545	455	Morland	523	+ 3	8.4	2.0	20.8
6¾	4	Panmure Gn	5¾	+ ¼	...	...	9.1
172	145	Regent Inns	172	...	...	3.3	17.2
695	753	SA Breweries	887	+ 4	...	3.0	14.9
485½	408	Scot & New	483	+10	...	4.5	14.4
252	181	Thurston Cidr	233	...	6.0	3.7	15.6
348	313	Vaux Group	336	...	9.3	3.0	16.3
301	228	Wetherspoon ED	296	+ 8	...	2.0	24.2
533	435	Whitbread 'A'	519½	+11½	...	4.3	14.0
1180	850	do- 'B'	1158	...	...	1.9	20.1
613	485	Wolverhmpton D	508	− 5	11.4	2.8	14.3
515	475	Young 'A'	478	− 5	14.5	3.8	19.8

BUILDING, ROADS

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
129	73	Abbey	120	+ 5	...	8.5	∞
27	13	Allegheny ♣	21	+ 1	...	...	...
123	87	Allens ♣	114	...	...	5.5	29.8
107	65	Amec	97	+ 3	3.0	3.9	17.9
12	4	Anglia Sec	9	...	...	...	...
259	155	Ashtead ♣	259 †	+11	4.5	2.3	∞
142	101	Atlmpwrk	115	...	5.0	5.4	16.6
254	180	BPB Ind	252½	+ ½	9.7	3.7	13.4
89	57	Baggeridge Bck	86	+13	3.1	4.5	28.9
31	18	Bailey (Benj) Con	29½	...	0.5	...	...
109	72	Barratt	105	...	1.5	1.5	19.2
50½	32½	Barton	49	− 1	2.0	5.1	24.1
161	94	Barratt Devs	158	− 1	2.0	1.6	17.6
422	305	Bellway	421	...	...	3.6	24.4
33	15	Bellwinch	31	...	...	...	...
430	285½	Berkley Gp	428	...	...	1.7	27.5
116	45	Bet Bros	115	...	...	0.5	4.7
63	36	Blockleys	57	+ 3	1.0	2.2	63.0
285	189	Bmx Circle	276	...	...	5.1	...
283	232	Bovt (Henry)	276	...	5.9	2.7	15.4
106	78	Breedon PLC	97	+ 2	4.6	5.9	23.5
121	82	Br Dredging	118	...	5.2	5.5	26.2
83	65	Brit Fittings	68	...	1.5	2.8	...
151	99	Bryant	146	+ 1	4.8	4.1	31.2
81	52	CALA	78	+ 2	2.3	...	...
286	205	CRH	286	+ 2	...	3.0	19.8
43	18	Calednord Rby	25	...	...	...	...
46	23	Costain	39	+ 2	...	...	...
140	89½	Countryside	140	+ 9	...	3.7	37.8
73	38	Crest Nicholsn	72	− ½	0.0	...	...
96	27	Cussins	96 †	...	...	1.3	...
3½	1½	Dunsmore	3	...	...	...	...
28	15	Edmond Hidgs	18	...	0.5	3.5	...
275	178	Epwin	274	− 1	6.8	3.1	23.0
51	32	Erith	49	+ 1	0.3	0.9	...
445	252	Eve Groups	445	+12	...	2.8	16.1
6¾	3½	Exploname ♣	5¾	...	...	...	...
140	97	Freeman Gps	139	...	...	4.8	20.5
59	38	Galliford	46	+ 1	4.3	...	18.5
78	52	Gibbs & Dandy	54	...	...	...	...
915	698	Gleeson (M.J.)	913	+ 3	12.7	1.7	14.8
132½	90	Hewden-Stuart	132½	+ 1½	...	3.1	20.1
51	32	Hollis Bros	45 †	...	...	3.3	33.2
311	186	Heywd Wtn	310	+ 1	12.5	5.0	...
119	37	Higgs & Hill	115	− 3	2.5	2.7	...
35	26	How Gp	29	...	...	6.5	...
20	15	Howard Hidgs	19 †	...	...	0.5	3.3
78	39	Ibstock Johnsen	78	...	...	1.0	1.6
19	12½	Jarvis	19	...	...	...	...
314	198	Laing (J)	314	...	...	9.0	3.6	12.6
129½	103	do- 6.4% Cv Pf	129½	+ 2½	...	6.4	...	...
95	55	Ln Clydesdale ♣	94	+ 2	...	4.5	6.0	35.4
23	10½	Lovell (C)	18	...	...	...	...	2.9
320	240	Manders	319	...	...	9.0	4.5	19.5
168	93	Marley	163	− 3	4.2	3.3	47.2
101	61	Mandinalls	101	+ 5	...	5.0	69.6
145	122	Maunders (J)	167	+ 2	4.9	3.3	17.0
814	96	McAlpine (A)	208	...	6.5	3.9	36.0
40	23	McCarthy & S	37	...	0.5	...	...
388	272	Meyer Int	376	+ 6	...	3.3	37.7
129	62	Mowlem (J)	126	+ 7	4.0	4.0	...
51	39	Nthn Ck	51	...	...	...	...
53	48	Needler ♣	48	...	...	3.3	13.1
171	106	Newman Tnks	164	+ 2	...	6.1	21.9
300	197	Persimmon	291	+ 2	8.6	3.7	20.7
20	20	Phoenix Timber	34	...	...	...	...
1625	1237½	Pochins	1525	...	29.0	3.4	9.3
146	80	Prowting	140	...	3.4	3.0	...
6½	2½	Quilligotti ♣	2½	...	...	...	...
623	535	RMC Gp	613	+ 1	...	3.1	22.0
117	75½	Raine Ind	88 †	+ 1	6.0	8.5	14.7
36	20	Ramsay ♣	23	...	...	...	...
402	302	Redland	370	+ 6	25.0	5.5	33.2
79	64	Rmbld	76	...	4.3	7.1	11.2
294	207	Rugby Group	282	+ 2	6.4	2.9	21.6
42	23	Svrld-Swea	41	...	...	...	...
113	68	Sharpe & Fisher	110	+ 3	...	4.5	19.1
198	86½	Sheffield Int	198	+ 3	...	3.4	48.6
145	82	Sheriff Hidgs ♣	145	+ 2	...	1.7	21.6
95	69	Shorco ♣	72	...	...	0.9	14.4
228	146	Smart (J)	215	...	4.5	4.0	9.8
6¾	2½	Staraim	4¾	− ¼	0.0	8.8	∞
151	103	Tarmac	140½	+ 1½	5.5	4.9	9.4
194	117	Tay Homes	188	+ 1	4.0	2.1	10.7
139	63	Taylor Woodrw	135	...	1.0	0.9	...
618	433	Tilbury Dougls	610	+18	33.0	6.8	19.9
39	19	Toras Hldgs	35	...	...	1.4	...
347	168	Travis Perkins	345	...	...	4.0	43.1
40	20	Try Group	34	+ 1	1.0	3.7	9.8
28	26	Tudor ♣	26	...	...	1.2	...
74	41	Vibroplant	74	...	2.5	4.3	26.2
98	38	Ward Hidgs	93	+ 1	...	...	...
39	25	Waterhouse	35	...	...	...	...
475	369	Wms Hldgs	435	...	...	3.4	18.8
26	8	Wescoe ♣	24	+ 2	...	...	...
181	90	Westbury	161	...	5.0	3.9	28.1
12	6	West Midlnds ♣	7½	...	...	...	...
12	5	Wiggins	9 #	...	...	...	...
461	371	Wilson Bowdn	433	− 1	8.7	2.5	29.7
205	147	Wilson (C)	187	− 1	3.9	2.6	32.4
192	104	Wimpey G	191	+ 4	...	3.4	...
4	2	TRM	3	...	...	0.5	1.7	...

BUSINESS SERVICES

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
675	463	ADT	660	+ 2	...	...	...
838	613	Amersham	834	+23	...	2.0	28.9
7	1¾	Anglo Utd	2	...	...	...	...
£103¾	£82½	BASF DM	£103½	+6½	...	3.1	...
297	199	BTP	280	...	...	4.0	20.0
£120	£101½	Bayer DM50	£119½	-75	...	4.4	...
178	134	Blagden	155 †	...	9.5	...	16.7
165	97	Brent Chems	126	+ 3	...	7.3	11.5
530	345	Br Bio-Tech	352	+ 2	...	...	...
39	12	Caird Gp	13½	+ ½	...	12.3	37.3
153	120	Cmming (W)	130	...	7.2	6.6	15.9
608	304	Communisis	560	+ 5	...	3.1	13.1
305	228	Cyrdis	294	+ 2	...	3.2	19.0
149	121	Docflex	138	...	4.6	4.2	10.6
239	175	Ellis & Everard	215	+ 3	7.0	4.1	∞
34	19½	Emro Colour	34	+ ½	0.8	2.9	20.8
313	259	Halstead (J)	313	+ 1	...	2.4	15.7
241	178	Hickson	186	− 1	...	5.4	17.1
£114½	£850	Hoechst	£111½	+6½	...	3.2	...
225	195	Holiday Chem	223	− 1	...	2.1	20.4
710	606	ICI	696 †	+ 7	...	4.9	...

DRAPERY, STORES

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
102	53	Alexon	68 †	+ 3	...	5.5	...
87	42	Amber Day	70	...	3.1	5.5	19.2
342	257	Argos Plc	322	+ 5	...	2.7	27.7
25	12	Ashley Group	15½	...	...	4.5	...
118	89	Ashley (Laura)	108	...	...	0.1	...
305	228	Asprey	294	+ 1	5.1	2.3	20.4
134	94	Austin Reed	129	+ 4	...	2.4	...
153	125	Bennett (J) 'A'	148	...	...	5.1	14.9
121	94	Bentalls	114	...	1.9	2.3	...
389	243	Blenkhorns	378	+ 3	14.0	4.6	17.5
363	313	Joseph (L)	363	...	...	16.6	5.7	...
155	96	King Shaxson	154	...	...	9.0	7.3	...
532	312	Kleinwort Ben	499 †	+ 6	16.0	4.2	17.3
591	492	Lloyds	545	...	...	18.4	4.2	15.6
88	63	Lon Scot Bk	86	...	3.0	4.4	17.0
515	322	Nat Aust Bk	505	− 10	...	4.0	17.5
512	398	Nat West	481 †	+ 1	17.5	4.5	20.2
445	370	Provident	445	+ 10	11.4	3.2	19.3
52	39	Ren Bros	52	+ 1	0.5	1.2	53.0
1035	727	Rl Bk Scot	702	+ 1	8.8	3.8	17.0
1193	467½	Schroders	1183	+ 5	...	1.3	23.6
994	576	Stand Chart	989 †	+ 6	20.0	3.5	...
218	145½	TSB	207 †	...	6.4	3.9	...
190	78	Union Disc	189	...	...	...	...
810	529	Warburg SG	804	+20	...	3.0	20.3
282½	185	do- 6% 'A'	282½	+ 2½	...	2.7	...
7850	4843½	Wells Fargo	7487½	−193½	...	1.4	...
185	121	Westpac	183	...	...	4.1	...
280	188	Wintrust	280 †	...	9.3	4.2	25.0

ELECTRICALS

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
187	136	ACT Group	183	+ 1	...	3.4	18.4
240	223	Acala	233	...	...	3.4	16.2
162½	38	Acorn Comps ♣	110	...	...	...	53.7
480	385	Admiral	452	+ 2	5.4	1.5	19.1
158	104	Alba	154	+ 3	...	4.0	18.8
48	19½	Alphameric	43	− ½	0.1	1.1	...
39¾	22	Amstrad	34½	+ ½	0.4	...	...
128	66	App Holos ♣	70	...	...	...	...
38	13	Aten	33	+ 1	...	...	...
69½	35½	Astec	69	...	...	1.0	...
283	243	Beales Hunter	263 †	...	9.4	4.8	∞
9	3¾	Bennett & Fount ♣	4½	...	...	...	...
446	319	BICC	408	-14	19.2	6.1	...
435	425	Black	435	...	9.2	2.6	17.0
1700	1100	Barland ♣	1300	+125	...	...	...
371	274	Bowthorpe	369	...	6.3	2.2	24.1
445½	376	BT	429½	+ 3½	...	4.5	20.3
188½	150	BT PrP	184½	+ ½	...	4.0	21.0
11¼	9½	Baigin (AF) 'A'	11¼	...	0.1	1.1	...
160	110	Burnfield	150	+ 3	5.7	4.8	23.7
860	669	Cable Wireless	848	+10	...	2.2	27.3
21½	11¼	Chloride	21½	...	...	...	...
260	229	CML Micros	248	...	...	2.2	19.5
115	74	Comptr People	95	...	0.6	0.8	...
164	108½	Cray Elect	148	...	...	1.3	14.7
407	243	Crichley	406	+ 7	...	1.9	∞
591	414	Delta	534	+ 3	...	3.3	22.0
345	205	Dnmarns Elc ♣	345	+ 3	...	2.3	14.7
620	395	Domino	452	+ 7	7.2	2.0	15.4
65	48	Dowding Mills	62	+ 3	2.5	5.0	20.4
1085	885	Druck ♣	1085 †	...	10.0	1.2	∞
458	358	Electrocomponents	458	...	...	2.6	17.1
980	670	El Data Prc	953	+ 5	5.1	1.2	15.2
111	43	Electron House	111	+ 1	2.6	3.0	24.0
30½	10½	Emess	27½	+ ½	0.1	0.5	...
600	462	Enrotherm	595	...	8.6	1.7	22.1
185	108	FKI	173½	+ ½	...	2.5	22.2
454½	340	Fernell Elect	452	+ 1	...	1.7	23.9
90	33	Feedback ♣	89	+ 1	...	2.1	11.6
18	9½	Ferranti	12	+ ½	...	...	...
254	101	First Tech	252	...	1.0	0.5	∞
220	81	Forward Gps	205	+ 2	...	1.6	24.0
21	16	Forward Tech	18	...	...	...	...
359½	264	GEC	346	+ 2	10.3	3.7	17.4
196	132	Gracehy	187	− 3	...	7.3	39.3
14½	7½	Graysmore	14	...	...	...	...
29	16	Hilchens ♣	26	...	...	1.7	11.7
169	83	INSTEM ♣	150	...	...	2.6	10.8
388	320	Jones Stroud	363 †	...	...	8.8	3.0	∞
19	8	Kembrey	15½	...	...	0.1	1.3	...
323	280	Kenwood App	318	+10	...	3.1	17.8
216	47	Lowell Sys ♣	202	+ 1	...	...	...
207	100	Kode	190	+ 3	5.5	3.6	22.5
60	16	Laser-Scan ♣	35	...	...	...	...
365	122	LSI Log	228 †	+ 2	...	0.4	32.2
179	140	Lec Refrig	273	...	9.0	4.1	...
179	134	Lin Sciences	143	...	3.5	3.1	15.5
289	164	Logica	238	+ 5	3.6	1.9	28.1
54	44	LPA Ind ♣	52	+ 1	...	8.5	14.7
213	168	MS Dstn Magcm	190	...	4.3	2.8	18.1
163	123	Macro 4	163	...	...	2.4	21.9
635	527	Memrex-Sva	615 †	...	...	...	...
3013	1805	Micro Focus	1970	+65	...	2.6	14.8
227	147	Microgen	159	+12	7.2	5.7	10.8
34½	22½	Microvitec ♣	30	...	...	...	...
529	357	Misys	502	+ 1	7.0	1.7	∞
437	98	Mitel	376	+23	...	...	...
138	108	MMT Comps ♣	128	+ 1	...	3.4	16.3
36	16	Molyrox	33½	...	1.3	4.9	...
222	203	MTL Instr ♣	219	...	...	2.7	18.0
165	105	Multitone Elect	110	...	3.5	4.0	∞
226	135	Mss Bros	226	...	5.5	3.0	26.5
2105	1594	NEXT	2082	+ 6	2.5	1.3	24.8
188	135	Neotronics	135	...	...	2.6	24.1	17.4
65	42	Newmark (L)	61	...	...	...	...
193	58	Norbain ♣	192	...	...	1.0	14.7
75	30	Northamber	59	...	0.6	1.3	...
15½	9	Oceonics	11½	...	...	...	...
285	195	Oxford Inst	283	+ 4	4.3	2.0	19.6
83	48	P-E Intern'l	63	+ 1	1.0	2.0	...
81½	29	P & P	70 †	...	1.4	2.5	37.2
80	55	Penk	74	+ 1	3.4	5.7	14.3
130	115	Pegasus ♣	130	+ 2	...	4.4	46.2
9000	9000	Phillips Fn 4%	9000	...	...	...	...
1312½	725	Phillips Inv	1275	+25	...	...	...
254	211	Pinnacle Int ♣	251	...	...	...	...
540	386	Pitch	536 †	+ 1	8.2	1.9	∞
540	303	do- 'A' Voting	536 †	+ 1	8.2	1.9	∞
96	63	Plasmec ♣	78	...	...	6.0	6.6
110	78	Pressac	110	...	...	4.5	20.7
135	81	Psion ♣	80	+ 2	...	3.6	22.8
1160	760	Racal Elect	847	+10	4.2	2.1	14.7
70	45	Radamec	61	+ 1	...	3.1	19.1
70	31	Radiuss ♣	40	...	...	...	...
98	61	Real Time ♣	74 †	...	...	5.1	14.1
97	58	Rhosa	92	...	...	...	...
629	380	Sage Gp	414	− 1	...	0.0	2.7	13.3
342	222	Sanderson Elec	325	...	...	0.5	3.5	13.9
87	49	Scantronic	87	− 1	...	3.1	4.5	21.9
156	117	Scholes Gp	145	...	...	5.0	4.5	28.5
351	270	Sema Gp	344	...	...	2.8	18.1	24.6
42	29	Silverminex	39	...	...	...	...	...
90	37	Soundtracks ♣	47	...	...	5.9	15.9
2675	1737½	TDK	2600	- 9½	...	1.2	28.9
27	17	TDS Circuits ♣	14	...	...	...	...
165	88	Telemetrix	162	+ 8	0.8	0.6	20.7
976	809	THORN EMI	952	-15	...	4.2	19.5
111	98	Thorpe FW	104	+ 1	...	2.3	10.7
1010	693	Thnd Systems ♣	964	+ 6	...	1.6	11.3
495	372	Tunstall	490	+ 2	6.0	1.5	19.6
278	164	Unitech	278 †	+ 5	8.1	2.7	∞
11¼	6	Verity	9½	...	...	...	...
24	14	Vistec ♣	20	...	...	...	...
549	367	Vodafone	548	+16	...	1.6	24.8
451	368	Velex	449 †	+ 4	17.8	5.0	18.4
26	11	Western Selectn	25	...	...	...	...
262	223	Wholesale Pgs	252	+12	11.7	5.3	∞

ELECTRICITY

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
532	389	East Midlands	529	+ 6	...	4.5	9.9
538	399	Eastern Elect	531	+ 1	...	4.5	10.8
375	304	Hydro-Elec	372½	+ ½	...	3.8	13.5
542	404	London Elect	535	+ 2	...	4.6	11.8
595½	458	Manweb	580	+ 2	...	4.5	8.6
540	434½	Midlands Elec	536	+ 4	...	4.5	10.0
378	272	National Power	369½	+ ½	...	3.6	10.8
585	440	Northern Elec	580	+ 2	...	4.6	8.4
162	100	Nthn Ireland	162	+ 1	...	4.6	9.5
570	450	Norweb	570	+12	20.0	4.3	8.9
401	297	PowerGen	391½	+ 9½	...	4.3	10.3
358	285	Scottish Power	352 †	+ 2	...	4.0	13.1
587	436	Seeboard	580	+ 3	...	4.3	9.6
618	468	Sth Wales	610	+ 3	...	4.6	10.2
550	426	Sth Western	544	+ 2	...	4.6	13.1
589	406	Southern Elec	585	+ 2	...	4.5	10.0
568	455	Yorkshire Elec	564	+ 8	...	4.5	10.6

FINANCE, LAND

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
60½	50	Aitken Hume	54 †	...	1.0	2.9	∞
117	47	BWD ♣	117	+ 3	...	3.4	18.3

DRINK

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
91	26	Baltic Pic	90	...	...	1.4	...
533	413	Caledonia	533	+ 6	...	5.5	10.8
1500	1075	Cmnwlth	1375	-75	...	1.1	5.1
313	245	Crndover	313	...	10.2	4.1



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Sad and true: Daniel Newman as a troubled, ultimately suicidal, Welsh teenager

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Sunset Song portrays a vanished Scots rural civilisation in direct and unsentimental manner



CINEMA: **Geoff Brown** on how Hollywood is waking up to the strange potency of cheap movie-making

Low budget, high quality

What will $7,000 get you in Hollywood? On an average production it might pay the catering bill for one week, or keep Eddie Murphy and his entourage in hamburgers for two. It might finance the salary of Harrison Ford's chauffeur. It would never pay for the entire movie.

Yet **El Mariachi** was made for that much, and Columbia Pictures, who recently spent more than $80 million laboriously putting *Last Action Hero* on the screen, were so entranced by the results that they bought the film and gave its director Robert Rodriguez, a 23-year-old Texan, a two-year contract.

At times this Spanish-language action romp is gauche and jerky. You expect this when the 16mm camera is hand-held, and the sets consist of two bars, a ranch and a hotel room, lit by two lamps with 250-watt bulbs. But Rodriguez's first feature has qualities no money can ever provide, like youthful imagination, puckish black humour and a powerful sense of narrative.

The hero (Carlos Gallardo) is a Mariachi musician looking for work, guitar case at the ready. Unfortunately for his well-being, an underworld hitman is also in town, his weapons carried in a similar case. Identities mistaken, soon there are frantic chases, flying bullets and as many corpses as the limited cast allows.

Rodriguez served as director, writer, co-producer, photographer, camera operator, film editor and sound editor. His technical exuberance knows no bounds. Every trick in the book is used to camouflage the bare settings: fancy close-ups, tilted camera angles, fast motion, rapid cutting. Lacking the equipment to make tracking shots, Rodriguez simply followed the action from a wheelchair, or parked his camera on a pick-up truck. He believes in making movies move.

There is not much here for the brain to chew on, unless buffs want to play Spot the Influence. Sergio Leone looms particularly large. But there is never time to get itchy feet: you sit back delighted, as the film spins its brusque, wacky charm and Rodriguez triumphantly somersaults over the pitfalls of no-budget movie-making.

This weekend, *El Mariachi* also appears at the Edinburgh Film Festival during a celebration of shoestring American cinema, entitled "Just Do It". One item, *My Life's In Turnaround*, boasts a budget of $6,999 — one dollar less than Rodriguez's film. Michael Almereyda's *Another Girl, Another Planet* was shot in a week with a children's "pixel vision" video camera. Cost of equipment: $45. For **Laws of Gravity**, another Edinburgh entry on release in London, the budget was $38,000: still insignificant by Hollywood standards, but enough to give Nick Gomez's film an extra solidity and strength.

This kind of cinema seems ripped from the streets. There is no neat, ping-pong dialogue: the semi-improvised words, violent, rude and repetitive, tumble in a ear-wrenching torrent from a brawling group of Brooklyn thieves, their friends, girlfriends and wives. As they snatch a quick buck prowling the mean streets — Gomez's first feature carries many echoes of Scorsese's classic — the hand-held camera ducks and weaves alongside, forcing us to join the fray.

A plot? One does exist: there is the matter of guns, stowed in Jimmy's flat, and his need of money to appease a loan shark and bail out his hot-headed friend Jon (an equivalent figure to Robert De Niro's tearaway in *Mean Streets*). But narrative mechanics never impede the focus on character and lifestyle. Gomez, editor of Hal Hartley's *Trust*, neither frowns nor smiles upon these low-grade criminals: he simply observes their friendship and cruelty at close range, accepts them as people, and lets us judge.

Many of the vibrant cast are new to films. Peter Greene snugly fits the role of Jimmy, idling along happily from day to day, shoplifting, hanging out at the local bar, avoiding paying his debts. Adam Trese's Jon is a far more dangerous type: irresponsible, a little dim, always seconds away from a violent rage. There is not much for women to do here except complain, be ignored or slapped.

In less careful hands, *Laws of Gravity* could have proved an unpalatably raw slice of life. Gomez lets scenes teem with noise, but knows when to cut to silence; while his marvellous cameraman, Jean de Segonzac, uses the hand-held camera with amazing agility and grace. This is American shoestring cinema at its dynamic best.

Laws of Gravity comes with a bonus, **Phone**: a teasing half-hour short made in Los Angeles by the British video-maker Tim Pope. The script purportedly draws upon a real taped phone conversation between a couple offering a Swatch watch for sale, and another couple keen to purchase. Both parties, however, are playing games, and the desirable egg-and-bacon-patterned watch is soon forgotten as the sexual innuendos rise. Simply filmed, vigorously played, *Phone* hangs in the mind long after most shorts, and all phonecalls, have faded.

Back in mainstream Hollywood, jesters Jim Abrahams and Pat Proft have been let loose again for **Hot Shots! Part Deux**. Their first *Hot Shots!* took aim at *Top Gun*; the second takes on the Rambo school, with detours to everything from *Apocalypse Now* to *Lady and the Tramp*. Minor amusements lurk in the undergrowth, but it is a wearying experience overall.

For one thing, the film's timing is off. The world no longer needs endless crude jokes about Saddam Hussein, or the US President vomiting over Japanese statesmen. But director Jim Abrahams presses on regardless, sending Charlie Sheen's hero into Iraq to rescue a team sent to rescue soldiers captured during Desert Storm.

"I want you to know I smell a rat," Sheen declares, as a rat appears on his shoulder. This is the humour's average level, though it dips further when Lloyd Bridges' dunderhead President appears. The cast also includes Richard Crenna, parodying his role in the Rambo films, Valeria Golino and, very briefly, Rowan Atkinson. If "Part Trois" is ever mooted, they should all say no, and so should we.

From Hollywood smallfry we jump gratefully to a French colossus: **Les Enfants du paradis**, revived in a new print with a restored soundtrack. Come September, Marcel Carné and Jacques Prévert's film will also exist in a stage adaptation by David Glass and Mike Alfreds, though cinema remains the only true home for this thrilling blend of 19th-century history, fantasy and romance.

Working under the shadow of the Nazi occupation, Carné (see interview, below) produced a three-hour blockbuster, swirling with extras, backstage clutter and the stylised Parisian sets of Alexandre Trauner. But what lifts the film high is not just its spectacle. Characters matter supremely. Some come from history, like Jean-Louis Barrault's pantomimist Debureau (creator of the lovesick Pierrot) or Pierre Brasseur's ebullient romantic actor Frédérick Lemaitre. Others, like Arletty's Garance, the woman they love but can never keep, are creatures of Prévert's fertile imagination.

When the film emerged in March 1945, audiences took Garance for a symbol of France, fighting for freedom. Today we might be more struck by the shimmering magic of Arletty's star turn as she glides through the plot, ever smiling and elusive. The men are moths to her flame, though the actors are no slouches: Barrault touches the heart as the shy pantomimist, and Marcel Herrand is wonderfully insidious as the criminal dandy Lacenaire. Whichever way you look, the wonders never cease.

El Mariachi
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Delicious no-budget action romp

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Dynamic tour of Brooklyn's mean streets

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Wearisome spoof of Rambo movies

Les Enfants du paradis
Renoir, PG
French classic nonpareil



Azul (Reinol Martinez) holds Domino (Consuelo Gómez) hostage in *El Mariachi*: "chases, bullets and as many corpses as the cast allows"

Pared down and powerfully sung

Alan Blyth on some no-nonsense Mozart at the Salzburg Festival

This summer's new production of **Così fan tutte** might be an emblem of the Salzburg Festival's altered circumstances. Having lost two directors along the way before the first night, Gérard Mortier invited the designer, Erwin Piplets, of the Seraphion Theatre in Vienna, to take over the staging in the Kleines Festspielhaus, perhaps to see what he could do to atone for his own, very basic designs of dingy screens, bare or with somewhat sexually suggestive motifs on them. A couple of movable tables are the only props. The dress is amorphous modern. Piplets is obviously of the strip-it-bare school, as if to take away a work from its traditional moorings and set it off on uncharted waters.

Oddly enough, within his unpromising decor, Piplets directs as pertinent and eventually as moving a production as I have encountered in recent years, excepting perhaps that of David Freeman for Opera Factory. Hellmut Kühn's perceptive comment in the main programme that "to leave the ladies alone with their secret desires is cruelty," might be taken as the theme of this staging, which exposes the near-brutality of the piece as the raw ends of Fiordiligi's and Dorabella's feelings are ruthlessly exposed, and eventually those of the men too, by virtue of Alfonso's machinations. There is nothing here of frivolous comedy, a great deal of serious psychology — and it wasn't always to the liking of this festival's public, who have expected their Mozart to be more superficial in content.

Piplets is lucky to have been presented with a pair of singers of the female roles blessed with good looks and youthful acumen, perfect to express their vulnerability. Solveig Kringelborn, the find of the year, is a Fiordiligi to savour. She exudes strength of character in resisting the "Albanians", then extreme turmoil within after falling for the disguised Ferrando's advances. As Dorabella, Jennifer Larmore is all wilful, subjective passion. Kringelborn dispatches Fiordiligi's demanding music with squeaky clean tone and technical aplomb, while Larmore's firm *mezzo* combines and contrasts ideally with that of her partner.

Bruce Ford's Ferrando, as easily affected by emotion as is Fiordiligi, is securely sung in finely honed phrasing. Our own Jeffrey Black is a personable, vocally attractive but not very individual Guglielmo. Ferruccio Furlanetto offers an even more cynical puppet-master than is customary, but his voice isn't quite flexible enough for Mozart these days. The great disappointment is the oversold Cecilia Bartoli's hyperactive, vulgar Despina: maybe the producer's, not her, concept. She overloads her singing and acting with gestures that are self-defeating.

Christoph von Dohnányi's reading is more concerned with inner tension than outer charm. The wind phrases of the overture did not smile, nor did many of the more effervescent accompaniments, but as always with this conductor, everything is purposefully shaped and balanced, and he allows for his singers' need for rubato. It is an interpretation at one with the staging.

Created under the noses of the Nazis

Marcel Carné, who made the classic *Les Enfants du paradis* in wartime France, talks to **David Robinson**

Fifty years almost to the day since he began shooting *Les Enfants du paradis* (see Geoff Brown's comments on the film's reissue, above), Marcel Carné himself is still mystified by the myth he created. "It is a sort of miracle. I have no idea what it is in the film that has captured people's imagination to this extent and for all these years. I can only say without vanity that the film is well made, well acted, interesting. And I worked night and day to make it. But there is some extraordinary quality I can't explain."

To embark on a project of such unprecedented scale at that moment of the second world war needed enormous, quixotic courage. "I dared to do it because I had a marvellous producer, André Paulve. He told me, 'I made a lot of money out of *Les Visiteurs du Soir*. Now I want a big film — a great fresco.'"

The problems seemed near insuperable. Jewish artists, including the designer Alexandre Trauner and the composer Joseph Kosma, had to work clandestinely. Others in the unit — including Robert Vigan, originally cast as the evil Jericho — turned out to be collaborators. Vigan fled as the tide of the war turned and was replaced by Pierre Renoir.

Shooting began in Nice on August 17, 1943. The vast set of the Boulevard du Temple was built at the Studio Victorine, at unprecedented cost and with much recourse to the black market. Three days into filming, however, the Occupation authorities, alarmed by the American invasion of Sicily, ordered the unit to return to Paris. When they were allowed back six months later, Carné found the great set ravaged by winter storms.

Back in the Paris studios, in June 1944, the production faced worsening shortages and constant power failures. Jean-Louis Barrault, the principal actor, who had originally proposed the idea of a film about Debureau to Carné and the writer Prévert, was hurtling between the studio and the Comédie Française, where he was acting in his own premiere production of Claudel's *Le Soulier de Satin*. Carné was so dubious about this arrangement that he had at first considered giving the part to a little-known music-hall mime, Jacques Tati.

> 'France is a wonderful country, but terrible, too'

"When it was finished Gaumont wanted to release the film in two parts, in different cinemas. I opposed this violently, and proposed instead that they show all three-and-a-quarter hours together, but doubling the ticket prices. It was a huge success — more than a year at the Madeleine alone."

The grand gala at the Palais de Chaillot on March 9, 1945 (Carné says he deliberately delayed completion of the film until all France was liberated) was overshadowed by the absence of Arletty, whose role as Garance is the film's most unforgettable icon.

Once the toast of Paris, the beautiful Arletty was now execrated. Her misfortune had been to fall in love with a young Luftwaffe officer. In 1944 the Free French sentenced her to death in absentia, though her eventual penalty was house arrest.

"They captured her at the house of a friend of mine. It was horrible. They shaved her head. She had to report to the judge every morning.

"I had met her lover a couple of times. He was a very cultivated and remarkable man. We had conversations about Italy and art. I didn't know at the time that he served on a military tribunal that tried resistance people. That was the trouble — not the fact that she slept with him. She had the right to do that."

Magnificent in her defiance, Arletty is said to have told her captors, "My heart is French but *mon cul* belongs to the world." She never let her shaven hair grow again.

"This was a terrible time — the Pink Terror: 65,000 were shot. I was accused myself by the purgation commission for making *Les Enfants du paradis*. Often the denunciations came from people motivated only by personal revenges and jealousies.

"France is a wonderful country, but a terrible one too. If an artist passes a certain point, has too much talent, then he acquires a lot of enemies. People start to say nasty things. The nouvelle vague, above all, assassinated me — but then, they assassinated the cinema, too.

"As soon as you have a failure, as we did with *Les Portes de la Nuit*, they fall upon you. In that case they were more brutal with Prévert than with me, but it hurt my career a lot, I admit."

Carné does not disguise his bitterness that funding for a new project announced last year — an adaptation of Maupassant's *Mouche* — foundered. But in his mid-eighties (his birth date in the reference books varies from 1903 to 1909) he is in ebullient fettle, with no sign of flagging in his ambitions or his projects.

He confirms that he would approve the colorisation of *Les Enfants du paradis*. "It won't happen, in fact, because Madame Prévert will not agree. But it is absolutely remarkable what they can do. My film *Les Tricheurs* was done in Los Angeles, and the results are marvellous. Only for television of course. It is not yet ready for the big screen; but in time . . ."



Arletty as Garance and Jean-Louis Barrault as Debureau in *Les Enfants du paradis*



EDINBURGH FESTIVAL

THE PERSIANS. Peter Sellars's production of the Aeschylus tragedy, a tricky text to bring to life. Sellars's solution is to update the whole thing to the Gulf war, complete with references to smart weapons
Royal Lyceum, Grindlay St. Daily until Sat, 7.30pm, mats today and Sat 2.30pm. Festival box office: 031-225 5756

A SCOTS QUAIR. Glasgow's TAG Theatre dramatises the three parts of Lewis Grassic Gibbon's trilogy, telling the story of Chris Guthrie's journey from life on a remote farm to marriage and politics during the Depression. See review, page 31
Assembly Hall, The Mound. **Sunset Song** tomorrow, 7pm. **Grey Granite** opens tonight, 7pm. Then on various dates till September 4. All 3 parts performed on Saturdays, at 1.30pm, 4.30pm and 8pm. Festival box office as before.

NIGHT AFTER NIGHT. An all-singing, all-dancing production set in 1958 and created by Neil Bartlett and Nicolas Bloomfield, the team behind last year's Traverse hit, *Samasame*
Traverse, Cambridge Street (031-228 1404). Daily until Sun, 10.30pm, then Aug 24-29, 10.30pm

LONDON PHILHARMONIC. Franz Welser-Most replaces the ill Klaus Tennstedt, conducting Mahler's Symphony No 5 in C sharp minor.
Usher Hall, Lothian Road, tonight, 8pm. Festival box office as before

TODAY'S CHOICE

A daily guide to arts and entertainment compiled by Sara Yelland

EDINBURGH FRINGE

PENETRATOR. New play by Anthony Neilson, author of **Normal: The Dusseldorf Ripper.** A soldier goes AWOL and finds himself in a brutally macho world. Commissioned by BBC TV but rejected for reasons that may become apparent
Traverse, Cambridge St (031 228 1404), various times this week till August 22

WHO KILLED TCHAIKOVSKY? Level Five Theatre Company presents a new play commemorating the 100th anniversary of the composer's death, an attempt to unravel the mystery surrounding the event based on the most recent information to have emerged from Russia
Festival Club, 9-15 Chambers Street (031-650 2395). Daily until Aug 28, 6.05pm

ELSEWHERE

LONDON: In tonight's **Proms** Andrew Davis conducts the BBC Symphony Orchestra in a varied programme of Chabrier (*Les Bandar-log*), Prokofiev (Violin Concerto No 1 in D major) and Debussy (*La Mer*), as well as the world premiere of Nicholas Sackman's *Hawthorn*, a special BBC commission. This is an orchestral piece based on ideas from an as-yet-unwritten opera. At the later concert, the superbly articulate trumpeter Wynton Marsalis, at home with both classical and jazz music, arrives with his septet, having been touring in Europe
Albert Hall, Kensington Gore, SW7 (071-589 8212). Tonight, 7pm, 10pm

LONDON. The Cenci. Shelley's only stage play, on patriarchal tyranny and murder in 16th-century Italy, revived by Damned Poets Theatre Co a little late for the bicentenary of his birth.
Lyric Studio, King St, Hammersmith (081-741 2311). Opens tonight, 7pm. Then Mon to Sat 7.30pm. Mats Sat 2.30pm. Till Sept 11

SALISBURY. Susan Curnow, William Houston and Pooky Quesnel suffer the unfair trials of love in Turgenev's **A Month in the Country**
Playhouse, Malthouse Lane (0722 320333) opens tonight, 8pm. Then Mon-Wed, 7.30pm, Thurs-Sat, 8pm, mats Thurs, 2.30pm and Sat, 4pm. Until Sept 11

TUNBRIDGE WELLS. The enterprising 606 Theatre combine with Eos Chamber Orchestra to present **The Beggar's New Clothes,** a revision by Dic Edwards of *The Beggar's Opera*.
David Salomon's Estate, Broomhill Road, Southborough, T. Wells 90892 517720). Opens tonight, 7.30pm. Then tomorrow, 7.30pm. Sat 2.30pm and 7.30pm. 5 perfs only

TELEVISION: Lynne Truss is impressed by a rarity, a first-rate docudrama

More eloquent for its reticence

15: The Life and Death of Philip Knight
ITV



Philip Knight (Daniel Newman): failed by the system and abandoned in prison, where he hanged himself

WEARILY, and with a great many reservations, one has become accustomed to worthy docudrama. From the brilliantly effective ITV *Who Bombed Birmingham?* to the BBC's recent bathetic *Bad Company* (dramatising the Carl Bridgewater case), these films all suffer from the same generic defects of tunnel vision, self-righteousness and a refusal to concede that by muddling drama with fact they stupidly compromise the veracity of every claim they make.

Personally I dislike the genre. I consider it patronising, and a form of brainwashing. The only point in its favour is that it habitually provides work for handsome, charismatic actors who, curiously, in no way resemble their real-life counterparts.

But last night's *15: The Life and Death of Philip Knight* (made by Yorkshire Television for ITV) was something else. True, it was worthy: it concerned the tragic prison suicide of a 15-year-old boy, at a time of popular outrage at the soft treatment of young offenders (scandalous holidays in Portugal, and so on). True, it was straightforward docudrama, with no names changed and all the real-life social workers played by stunningly gorgeous actors evidently waiting for their starring role in a James Dean biopic.

What was unusual was the utterly unaggressive way it addressed the viewer. It didn't ask you to understand and be angry, it asked you to understand and be sad.

Who was the guilty person in this Welsh boy's ineluctable journey from care order to prison cell? Nobody. At the age of 15, he started behaving badly. His jumpy adoptive parents decided they couldn't cope, so social services were brought in.

The boy's dismay at being separated from his home provoked more bad behaviour (stealing from nice eager *Growing Pains*-type foster parents), leading to more urgent heart-searching among the social workers, and tighter controls on his movements, which he resisted. Ultimately he ended up in a prison cell, where he hanged himself.

The pessimist has an adage: one door closes and another shuts. This was certainly true for Philip Knight, once his parents had washed their hands of him. "You've got new foster parents now," he was told at one point. He refused to accept it. "It isn't home," he said. "Home's with Mum and Dad." "You've got to try," they persisted. "Why?" he said, and it was a good question.

Why should you be treated like an orphan when you have a family? Imagine the shock of it: "We think the best thing to do is that you don't come home any more." Scenes showed Philip in the back garden of his parents' house, smoking, watching in the dark, while his Mum roamed his bedroom taking his posters down and putting his schoolboy window-sill ornaments into a plastic carrier bag.

Of course the social workers were idealised in this dramatisation — wise, caring, passionate, doing their utmost, sometimes with interesting husky Glaswegian accents. But for once, it didn't matter whether one's sympathies were unfairly manipulated, because the point was simply that the system, *even when it is working at its best*, can fail somebody this badly.

This was absorbing drama, well acted (especially by Daniel Newman as Philip) and beautifully filmed. Jeremy Brock's script and Peter Kosminsky's direction certainly took their time (two and a half hours, in all) yet the story never laboured: it meant there was room for tiny (but huge) insights, such as when Philip, deposited at Swansea prison by two kindly police officers, jerked round to watch them go. And you realised, oh yes, even by them, he feels he is being abandoned.

THEATRE GUIDE

Jeremy Kingston's assessment of theatre showing in London

■ **House full, returns only**
◪ **Some seats available**
☐ **Seats at all prices**

☐ **THE BASSET TABLE.** Gambling, love and strange scientific experiments are the ingredients in this comedy by the 18th Century wit, Mrs Centlivre. Revived by Company of Clerks
New End Theatre, 27 New End, NW3 (071-794 0022). Tue to Sat 8pm, mats Sun 2pm, 5pm. Till August 29

☐ **BEAUTIFUL THING:** Call-love on a South London estate: new play by award-winning Jonathan Harvey.
Bush, Shepherds Bush Green, W12 (081-743 3388). Mon to Sat 8pm. At least till August 28

◪ **GODSPELL.** Candy-flavoured Christianity. The 1970s hit revived for a month with Andy Crane, Gemma Craven
Barbican Hall, Barbican Centre, EC2 (071-638 8891). Tue to Sun 7.30pm (not Sun Aug 22) plus a final performance Mon, Aug 30, 7.30pm. Mats Sat 3pm. Till August 30

☐ **GORMENGHAST:** The David Glass Ensemble in London again after another nation-wide tour with their thrilling version of Mervyn Peake
Lyric, King St, Hammersmith, W6 (081-741 2311). Mon-Sat, 7.45pm, mat Sat (Aug 21, 28), 2.30pm

■ **GREASE:** Energetic, well-danced revival taking a nostalgic look at the innocent 1950s. Simply story of teenage love but the tunes are catchy. Craig McLachlan stars in the lead role first played over here by Richard Gere
Dominion, Tottenham Court Road, W1 (071-580 9845). Mon-Sat 7.30pm, mats Wed and Sat, 3pm. 150mins

☐ **HERE.** Ian Glen, Teresa Banham, Brenda Bruce in new Michael Frayn play the anxieties of moving into a new home, the implications of a bed here and not there
Donmar Warehouse, Earlham St, WC2 (071-867 1150). Mon to Sat 8pm, mats Thurs 3pm and Sat 4pm. Limited run, ends September 11

◪ **HOT STUFF.** The glitter and glam of the 70s, the soul and the funk, given a Faustian storyline to link the songs. Moneyspinning compilation musical from Paul Kerryson.
Cambridge, Earlham St, WC2 (071-494 5040). Mon to Thurs 8pm, Fri 6pm and 9pm, Sat 5pm and 8pm

☐ **THE LAST YANKEE:** Subtle and touching Arthur Miller premiere. Margot Leicester, Matthew Marsh lead a quartet of troubled Americans
Duke of York's, St Martin's Lane, WC2 (071-836 5122). Mon-Sat, 7.45pm, mats Thurs, 3pm and Sat, 5pm. 90mins

☐ **MACBETH.** An idiosyncratic performance by Alan Howard in Richard Eyre's murky production. Last week
National (Olivier), South Bank, SE1 (071-928 2252). Tonight, tomorrow, Sat, 7.15pm; mat Sat, 2pm. 140 mins

■ **THE MADNESS OF GEORGE III.** Revival of Alan Bennett's clever history play. Nigel Hawthorne returns in the performance of his life
National (Lyttelton), South Bank, SE1 (071-928 2252). Today, 2.15pm and 7.30pm

☐ **MUCH ADO ABOUT NOTHING:** Shakespeare on Shaftesbury Avenue, with Mark Rylance and Janet McTeer, proves funnier and friendlier than many a subsidised production
Queen's, Shaftesbury Avenue, W1 (071-494 5041). Mon-Sat, 7.30pm, mat Sat, 2.30pm. 165mins

■ **OLEANNA.** David Suchet, Lia Williams in Mamet's blistering new play about political correctness in an American college. Last week
Royal Court, Sloane Square, SW1 (071-730 1745). Mon-Sat, 8pm, mat Sat, 4pm. 130mins

☐ **PRESENT LAUGHTER:** Tom Conti is seriously off-target in the Noel Coward role which the author himself described as "a mixture of self-exposure and self-celebration".
Globe, Shaftesbury Avenue, W1 (071-494 5065). Mon-Sat, 7.45pm, mats Thurs and Sat, 3pm. 150mins.

☐ **SEPARATE TABLES.** Peter Bowles, Patricia Hodge tap heart-felt emotions in Peter Hall's welcome revival of Rattigan
Albery, St Martin's Lane, WC2 (071-887 1115). Mon-Sat, 8pm, mats Thurs, 3pm and Sat, 4pm. 150mins ◪

■ **SUNSET BOULEVARD:** Triumph for Patti Lupone as the faded star in Lloyd-Webber's success, less cynical than the Wilder film but a thrilling occasion. Trevor Nunn directs
Adelphi Theatre, Strand, WC2 (071-344 0055). Mon-Sat, 8pm, mats Thurs and Sats, 3pm

☐ **THE TAMING OF THE SHREW.** Bill Alexander's lively and continually surprising production of this familiar, yet provoking play
Barbican, Silk Street, EC2 (071-638 8891). Today, 2pm and 7.15pm. 180mins

LONG RUNNERS. ☐ **Blood Brothers** Phoenix (071-867 1044) ☐ **Buddy:** Victoria Palace (071-834 1317) ■ **Cats.** New London (071-405 0072) . . ◪ **Don't Dress for Dinner** Duchess (071-494 5070) ◪ **Five Guys Named Moe:** Lyric (071-494 5045) . . ◪ **Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat:** Palladium (071-494 5037) ◪ **Les Misérables:** Palace (071-434 0909) . . ◪ **Miss Saigon** Theatre Royal, Drury Lane (071-494 5400) . . ☐ **The Mousetrap:** St Martin's (071-836 1443) . . ☐ **On The Piste:** Garrick (071-494 5085) ■ **The Phantom of the Opera:** Her Majesty's (071-494 5400) . . . ◪ **Starlight Express,** Apollo Victoria (071-828 8665) ☐ **Travels With My Aunt:** Whitehall (071-867 1119) ☐ **The Woman in Black:** Fortune (071-836 2238).

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CINEMA GUIDE

Geoff Brown's assessment of films in London and (where indicated with the symbol ◆) on release across the country

NEW RELEASES

A FAR OFF PLACE (PG) Orphaned teenagers flee across the Kalahari desert. Acceptable old-fashioned entertainment. Mikael Salomon directs Reese Witherspoon, Ethan Randall
MGM Chelsea (071-352 5096) **MGM Trocadero** (071-434 0031) **Odeon Swiss Cottage** (071-586 3057)

APRES L'AMOUR (15) French love tangles, carefully unravelled by director Diane Kurys and an excellent cast. Isabelle Huppert, Hypolite Girardot, Bernard Giraudeau
Curzon Mayfair (071-499 3737)

IN COLD BLOOD (18) Handsome but ponderous 1967 version of Capote's book about crime and punishment. With Robert Blake, Scott Wilson. Director, Richard Brooks
ICA Cinema (071-930 3647)

MADE IN AMERICA (12) Dotish cross-cultural farce, made to measure for Whoopi Goldberg and Ted Danson. Richard Benjamin directs
MGM Fulham Road (071-370 2636) **MGM Haymarket** (071-839 1527) **MGM Oxford Street** (071-636 0310) **MGM Trocadero** (071-434 0031) **Whiteleys** (071-792 3303)

THE VANISHING (12) Forget Hollywood's remake: see this splendid Dutch version of George Sluizer's tale about the disappearing girlfriend. With Bernard-Pierre Donnadieu, Johanna ter Steege
Metro (071-437 0757)

CURRENT

CHAIN OF DESIRE (18) Smart sexual escapades across New York, inspired by *La Ronde*. Temistocles Lopez directs a choice cast. Linda Fiorentino, Seymour Cassel, Assumpta Serna, Elias Koteas
MGM Piccadilly (071-437 3561)

EQUINOX (15) Alan Rudolph's intoxicating tale of lost souls in a crumbling metropolis, jam-packed with visual magic. With Matthew Modine, Lara Flynn Boyle
Metro (071-437 0757)

◆ **JURASSIC PARK** (PG) Michael Crichton's best seller becomes a clumsy vehicle for rampaging dinos and superior special effects. Sam Neill, Laura Dern, Richard Attenborough. Director, Steven Spielberg
Camden Parkway (071-267 7034) **Empire** ◪ (071-437 1234/437 9999) **MGM Baker Street** (071-935 9772) **MGM Chelsea** (071-352 5096) **MGM Fulham Road** ◪ (071-370 2636) **MGM Trocadero** ◪ **Notting Hill Coronet** ◪ (071-727 6705) (071-434 0031) **Plaza** (071-437 1234/497 9999) **Screen on the Green** (071-226 3520) **UCI Whiteleys** ◪ (071-792 3332).

◆ **MAD DOG AND GLORY** (15) Gangster Bill Murray rewards forlorn drudge Robert De Niro by giving him Uma Thurman for a week. Bewitching off-beat comic romance, director, John McNaughton.
Empire (071-437 1234/497 9999) **MGM Fulham Road** (071-370 2636) **UCI Whiteleys** ◪ (071-792 3332)

◆ **RED ROCK WEST** (15) Enjoyable thriller, with Nicolas Cage sucked into a whirlpool of greed and deceit. Dennis Hopper, Lara Flynn Boyle, J.T. Walsh; director, John Dahl.
Camden Parkway (071-267 7034) **MGM Haymarket** (071-839 1527) **MGM Oxford Street** (071-636 0310)

PROMS

Excellent in variety

Docklands Sinfonietta/Edwards Oortmerssen
Albert Hall/Radio 3

EVEN now, chamber orchestras who are both first-rate and adventurous are about as rare as reliable English bowlers. The Proms debut of the **Docklands Sinfonietta** under the direction of **Sian Edwards** was thus a welcome acknowledgement of this excellent young band's early achievements. It proved an event not without its problems: before it began John Drummond appeared on the stage to announce that Joan Rodgers had been taken ill that morning, so Janice Watson, the soprano who greatly impressed in the closing scene from Strauss's *Daphne* at the weekend, had been rushed from Cardiff to sing Britten's 1939 Rimbaud cycle, *Les Illuminations*, in her place.

Her response to this most freely sensual of Britten's song-cycles was marvellous. She would tease with an almost languorous sexiness, as at the end of "Phrase", when her line cascaded with affecting poise, and in the ensuing smooth-limbed waltz, "Antique". There were other, more glittering colours too, and the whole was stamped with rare command of word and note. Meanwhile, Edwards and the strings of the orchestra played their role with vigour and sensitivity, and with a vast range of timbres in this resourcefully scored work.

Arvo Pärt's intense Cantus in Memory of Benjamin Britten (1977), constructed in gradually decelerating, overlapping scales, punctuated by doleful bells, touchingly prefaced the cycle. The immediate contrast between it and the bristling account of Rossini's overture *The Italian Girl in Algiers*, which began the concert, seemed, however, a touch odd.

After the interval, Dallapiccola's aromatic *Piccola musica notturna* of 1954, was done with an impressive poise, creating its own brand of magic, though in the closing work, Mozart's "Jupiter" Symphony, Edwards seemed to concentrate her mind too much on the outer movements, allowing the Andante cantabile second movement, in particular, to sag a little.

The Dutch organist **Jacques van Oortmerssen's** early evening recital was testingly dull. Perhaps he genuinely intended the theme to be one of how to repeat a motif *ad nauseam* without the music going anywhere. He certainly gave a strong hint of that with his opening gambit, a harmonically straitjacketed Fanfare by the 19th-century Flemish composer Jaak Nikolaas Lemmens. In Franck's A major Fantaisie, Oortmerssen's reading did not attempt to combat its pedestrianism. Saint-Saëns's B major Prelude and Fugue lightened the flavour a little, while two short pieces from Marcel Dupré's *Le Chemin de la croix*, Op 29, provided some genuine poetic profundity. But the evening's gimmick, Oortmerssen's improvisation on a theme handed to him at the last moment — the plainsong "Veni, veni Emanuel" — never quite managed to get off the ground, rooted there perhaps by too many long-held pedal notes.

STEPHEN PETTITT

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EDINBURGH FESTIVAL: Four *Times* critics report on some of the highs and lows of the opening days

Breath of air from the Clyde

THEATRE: Bracing energy and versatility characterise two companies from Glasgow

EDINBURGH FESTIVAL

Glasgow has come to Edinburgh, bringing Scotland's sedate capital something more than the roughhouse energy everybody associates with its second city. Both of the two Clydeside companies on show, Tag and Communicado, have actors who can speak as they spin and sing as they somersault; and they perform these capsule feats with the utmost delicacy. In each case, they find a kind of poetry in pieces that, in less versatile hands, could be dreadfully prosaic.

Faced with the prospect of **Sunset Song** in the cloistered gloom of the Assembly Hall, what English heart would not flinch just a bit? The play is Alastair Cording's adaptation of the first part of a trilogy of novels dauntingly called *A Scots Quair*. Their author, Lewis Grassic Gibbon, died at the age of 34 in 1935, and north of the border is still thought of in the same way Romantic-period Englishmen thought of Chatterton. For many Scots, he seems to be the definitive obituarist of a vanished rural civilisation.

I may be recanting my views by the time I have sat through the other two-thirds of the trilogy; but my first impression is that the members of Tag have resisted the obvious dangers. Theirs is not a pious attempt to clone a Great Classic for Scots patriots and cultural tourists. Though they follow the book pretty closely, putting some of Gibbon's own observations in his characters' mouths, there is never any chance of the story dwindling into elegiac pastoral; not with actors as direct as these.

On they come in their threadbare waistcoats and old dresses, the crofters of Kinraddie and their women. Mainly, the plot involves Chris Guthrie (Pauline Knowles), daughter of a tyrannical and, after her mother's suicide, vaguely incestuous farmer (powerful Michael Mackenzie). She has the chance to leave the village, but, unlike a later generation of Highlanders, cannot bring herself to do so. "I'm fair a prisoner, bound and held," she says ruefully, voicing her author's own ambivalence about Kinraddie and, perhaps, the theme of his trilogy.

When her father dies, then, Chris stays on the farm. She is an unsentimental woman, who admits to preferring the good Scots word "like" to "love", which comes from "soppy English books". Nevertheless, she marries a labourer (Stuart Bowman) who ends up morally and physically destroyed by the first world war. Most of the other men are killed too; yet still the community manages to survive. How long Kinraddie can continue to hold out against depopulation and decay we will discover later this week, when Tony Graham and Andy Howitt's production moves into its second and third phases and Gibbon's parish-pump epic reaches its denouement.

Meanwhile, Communicado is at the Traverse, bringing even more zest and inventiveness to a still more arcane tale in **The Legend of St Julian**. Who would have thought that so defiantly contemporary a company would have put on a play about the creation of a medieval saint, let alone treated his story with no hint of irony and every sign of respect? I left Gerry Mulgrew's production more convinced than even he can have wanted that wonders never cease.

Mulgrew and his cast — Kenneth Glenaan, Jan Knightley, Paulene Laverty, Tomas Lee, Frank McConnell, Michael Nardone — adapted the piece from a story by Flaubert unfamiliar to me. It seems that a gypsy promised Julian's father that he would become a great conqueror while a cowled figure was assuring his mother he would be a saint. Eventually he becomes each, graduating from strangling mice to potting deer to slaughtering men, and then, after his craze for blood sports has caused his parents' death, repenting in the all-or-nothing manner of his era. He ends up a poor ferryman, sacrificing himself for a leper who turns out to be Christ in disguise.

This final episode, touching already, might have been more moving still if a key prop, a lamp on the end of the ferryman's pole, had not fallen and bust on opening night. Yet that little accident only emphasised how many bold, intricate effects had been flawlessly achieved. These actors seem able to reinvent themselves in a twinkling, becoming a pack of slavering dogs, then the dogs' frantic prey, then the wheatfields through which hunters and hunted balletically dart, and then whatever animal, vegetable or mineral the piece demands.

Meanwhile, Mulgrew et al are performing equally adroit antics with lights, music and props; and all without lessening the piece's clarity. Last year Communicado gave us *Cyrano de Bergerac* and a torrent of verbal wit. This year the words are few and the visual effects many. Isn't it a sign of a genuinely superior company — this restlessness, this dissatisfaction with itself, this inability to stand still?

BENEDICT NIGHTINGALE

ROBBIE JACK



*Finding a kind of poetry in a piece that, in less versatile hands, could be dreadfully prosaic: Pauline Knowles (Chris Guthrie) and Iain Stuart Robertson (Long Rob) in **Sunset Song** at the Assembly Hall*

Standing up or falling flat

FRINGE COMEDY: Talking dirty is no real substitute for making people laugh

At 26 **Dominic Holland** has already been heralded in London as a funnyman to watch out for. *Red Hot Dutch* is his Edinburgh Fringe debut. The show is not as spicy as its title suggests. Holland never even alludes to the porn channel "banned from British television" after which he has named his act. The most foul-mouthed he gets is talking about "doing a pooh". Instead, he discusses such unsmutty affairs as his traumatic experiences with wet tennis balls and with up escalators and down draughts in the Tube.

To be honest, this comes as a breath of fresh air. It only takes a few dirty-talking stand-up shows and one is fed up with anal penetration and oral sex, topics about which Eric Philips makes insinuations with a smirk and about which Margi Clarke and Jenny Eclair (in her show *Vague*, at the Pleasance) mouth off endlessly over at the Assembly Rooms. Such shows are meant to be shocking but the effect rapidly wears off.

Holland is a straight-up stand-up. There is no palaver with the silly spectacles or hairstyle of an assumed comic persona. Holland is himself, wearing jeans and a T-shirt, talking about the absurdities of everyday life: the battle of wills between Hoover and hooverer, or mankind's obsessional relationship with tape rewind buttons and toasters.

Sometimes his observational comedy degenerates into the over-obvious. The show does not exactly wow you, and there are flimsy sections in his script, but his unassuming manner wins over his spectators. There is a naïvety about him still, and his slight nervousness — getting thrown by interruptions or worrying that the audience is too hot — actually gets people behind him.

His style of delivery and the subjects he chooses are not strikingly idiosyncratic: the cruddiness of British sport; the agonies the ego suffers in the changing rooms of clothes shops; and news items such as aeroplanes landing on motorways — these are topics that are turning up everywhere in this year's Fringe shows. Holland's themes overlap uncannily with Lee Evans, who is playing at the Assembly Rooms. Evans definitely surpasses Holland, firstly by souping up his material with supersonic speed and physical dynamism. And, secondly, by just letting his imagination go that little bit more wild.

Still, Holland's routine is welcome if you have been up to your ears in the surreal blather which so many comics indulge in at the moment. He may not be hugely innovative but he is charmingly personal and his show fits perfectly in the Attic, the most intimate auditorium at the Pleasance. He is very funny about the frightening amount of toilet paper which women use. He also, incidentally, does a lovely impression of a sadistic three-pin plug.

Margi Clarke is also doing her first solo show in Edinburgh. *21st Century Scut* in crude terms — and we are talking *crude* — consists of Clarke loudly holding forth about sex and, in between, belting out songs completely off-key. She has about as much comic acumen as Cilla Black and her humour basically relies on Clarke acting up being a slag and having a broad Scouse accent.

She clomps around in silver stilettos and postures provocatively in a black, shiny bodysuit most people wouldn't be seen diving in, and it is painfully obvious she fancies herself much more than do those who have paid to watch her. When she squatted downstage and asked who would like to get intimate with her there was an embarrassingly minimal show of hands, so few you could count them on your own fingers.

The most sophisticated joke appeared to be the shoulder strap affair connecting her two conical bosoms. Presumably, this was a pun on being an easy pick-up. As for the rest, it had all the subtlety of the huge blow-up gold phallus that took up one side of the stage. Not my ideal stand-up.

KATE BASSETT

TOM KIDD



*Dance that looks as if anyone could do it: Mark Morris Dance Group in **A Spell***

Moved by the melody

DANCE: A varied and provocative programme from Mark Morris

When fire broke out at the Playhouse only days ago the Mark Morris Dance Group wondered if it should still make the trip from America. "Get over here", said the Edinburgh Festival and urgently marshalled its forces into finding another venue. In the event, the Meadowbank sports hall has been able to provide a broad stage and more congenial auditorium than the dusty and cavernous Playhouse.

So Mark Morris is in Edinburgh again, with all his contradictions and eccentricities, and two programmes of works. As before, he gives ample space to vocal music, gathering for the occasion an impressive collection of singers and musicians.

If in the first programme you were disappointed by the apparent simplicity of the steps in *New Love Song Waltzes* and its sister-piece, *Love Song Waltzes*, you could settle back and listen to the thrilling ensemble of John Mark Ainsley, Thomas Allen, Felicity Palmer and Amanda Roocroft singing Brahms's *Liebeslieder Waltzes*. If you found *A Spell* (a world premiere) just too outrageous, you could at least wrap yourself in the beautiful lute setting by John Wilson (1595-1674) of Shakespeare, and the creamy countertenor of Christopher Robson.

New Love Song Waltzes strikes me as the deeper of the two Brahms pieces, its scope more ambitious, its swirl and rush more passionate. It begins and ends with a woman, a blue silhouette against a blue expanse. Brahms's solitary heart about to put out on love's tempestuous sea "strewn with wrecks". Then come the other nine dancers, their movements occasionally bringing to mind that Morris's much-vaunted musicality relies too much on mimicking the score's pulse without delving between.

Morris's most evident gift, however, lies in creating vividly inventive patterns: small eddying circles, lines plaiting in and out of each other, scribbly blocks, limbs darting in opposite directions. But if you want an intricate language of steps, Morris is not your man. What his fans so admire is his very naturalness: a pared-down, organic style of skips and falls, lilting arms and tiny scoops of the hands that recall at times Isadora Duncan.

It looks deceptively like dance anyone could do: an effect compounded by the different physiques, like ordinary people, of the dancers. There is Guillermo Resto, for example, burly and bearded; Ruth Davidson, all womanly curves; and Morris himself, long black curls cascading, beefy thighs emerging from the gentle drapes of his short pink tunic, small wings clipped to his back.

Morris makes that appearance in *A Spell* and it certainly is an eyeful. This is the loudly transsexual and parodic Morris; whereas *Mosaic and United*, like the Brahms pieces, shows his conscientiously restrained and reverential side. The eeriness of Henry Cowell's two string compositions, *Mosaic* and *United* (played by the Emperor Quartet), has prompted Morris to a less obvious, more interesting rhythmic response. Figures just stand or perform a transmuted folk dance. Limbs shudder like the vibrato of musical strings.

As when Mikhail Baryshnikov's company presented this piece in London, the impact is sinister. It is also fascinating, not least because it includes Keith Sabado, a quiet virtuoso who opens up a whole new vista of shape and texture in Morris's choreography.

NADINE MEISNER

Not worth a detour

OPERA: A new James MacMillan work, premiered at the Traverse

If it's Tuesday in Edinburgh it must be James MacMillan Day. Not a difficult deduction: the same is true of Wednesday, Thursday... in fact his music is performed on just about every day of this year's festival.

But Tuesday brought a double dose. First came a Queen's Hall morning concert (by the excellent Chamber Group of Scotland) devoted to MacMillan's explosive instrumental works — the most provocative piece, *As Others See Us*, being a very sour musical portrait of those foreign monsters, the English. Then, later at the Traverse, came the premiere of MacMillan's new chamber opera, *Tourist Variations*.

When so much attention is paid to a composer who is just 34, alarm bells should ring. Relentless hype can knock even the sturdiest musical personality off track. Wise friends should banish MacMillan to a remote Hebridean island, and allow him back only when nobody remembers who he is. That way, he can probably hold on to the abrasive agit-prop fervour that gives his best work its stimulating intellectual energy and passion.

Regrettably, such words as stimulating, intellectual, energy and passion did not spring to the lips after watching *Tourist Variations*. If MacMillan is to draw any useful conclusion from this sorry exercise — the first serious *faux pas* of his charmed career — it should be the maxim which Puccini and Verdi understood well: in opera the composer must be king. Here, MacMillan was far too generous to a libretto by the playwright Iain Heggie that might just have worked as a whimsical spoken comedy, but simply wasn't operatic material.

When the man and woman were not flinging quickfire repartee at each other — exchanges that demanded spoken nuance — they were voicing such lines as: "The tourist is an ephemeral sideline, a mere diversion in the evolution of mankind." Even Mozart might have struggled to think up a tune for that.

And the story seemed thin stuff to sustain an hour-length opera. Two people argue about the meaning of tourism. Er, that's it. Though of course what they are really arguing about is the Meaning of Life.

At least Francisco Negrin's staging was inventive. The singers cavorted in a sandpit while a giant girder revolved continuously (the relentless grind of existence, no doubt) and television screens showed pictures of traffic and other equally exciting things. Later, there was a scene involving mild bondage and a model railway — I know not why.

MacMillan's music seemed misguided. On the few occasions that he allowed the singers to break away from the chugging accompaniment (for a small pit-band, ably directed by Martin André) and to deliver Bernstein-like show-songs, memorable tunes emerged. So why didn't he turn the thing into a musical? Then, many more lyrical moments could have been interspersed with the speech that Heggie's material needed. An opportunity botched.

Still, cheer up Jimmy. The other half of this double-bill was even worse. Beware of operas that start with people singing "Ah" and walking round a plastic pond, meaningfully touching each other. And when the first line of Craig Armstrong's *Anna* finally arrives, it is even more ominous. "Why do we have to live like this?" sings the secretary who is about to give up her job and worldly possessions. Never fear: she is reassured by an angel, no less, that she has Done the Right Thing. End of opera.

To this New Age piffle (words by John Clifford) Armstrong brings a soporific score of minimalist patterns, *Come Dancing* rhythms and synthesized soupiness. Producer Ian Brown does a fair job, and the singers Pamela Helen Stephen, Alasdair Elliott and Eirian Davies are fine (the latter two also perform *Tourist Variations*). But what an *annus horribilis* this has become for new chamber opera.

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*Fine singing, but few other attractions: Alasdair Elliott and Eirian Davies in **Tourist Variations***

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Young David: proving precociously ripe for the small screen

How he rose without trace

Ian McIntyre

FROM CONGREGATIONS TO AUDIENCES
An Autobiography: Part One
By David Frost
HarperCollins, £20

David Frost was born in 1939. Mussolini, he reminds us, marked the day by invading Albania. It was a happy childhood, for all that, and a sheltered one: "In the garden at Kempston I would assemble imaginary cricket teams, and my luckless sisters, their boyfriends and my father would bowl to me. When I was out, I would retire to the woodshed and emerge as the next batsman. 'Who are you now?' the bowlers would ask wearily."

Fifty years on Sir David is still popping relentlessly out of the woodshed to appear in *Breakfast With Frost* on the BBC, *The Frost Programme* on Carlton, *Through The Keyhole* on Yorkshire and *Talking with David Frost* on Sky. He is not displeased to be called a "one-man conglomerate". Perhaps he could be referred to the Monopolies Commission.

At school he was bad at physics, but won the public reading competition two years running. His father was a Methodist minister, "always trying to hit on new ruses to get people's attention", Frost's favourite was a poster he put up one September saying, "Come to church next Sunday and avoid the Christmas rush". By the age of 15, Frost too was trying his hand at getting attention, offering bottles of soapy water for sale as "Bill Baley's Bath Water", and writing under a *nom de plume* to the local paper to advocate that the entire dog population be shot or gassed.

He was clearly precociously ripe for the small screen, but having turned down a chance to sign for Nottingham Forest, he froze the march of history by accepting a place to read English at Cambridge. This translated into three years of the Footlights and student journalism; he took a degree, although not without assistance — partly from purple hearts, partly from essays borrowed from Ian McKellen and Corin Redgrave.

Taking our hero only to the age of 30, this is announced as part one of Sir David's autobiography. That is one of the more ominous piece of news we have had from the publishing world for some time. It is also, we read, "a biography of the Sixties". That is to test accepted definitions of both genres to the point of destruction.

A newspaper profile once described Frost as an embodiment of the Methodist virtues run riot. He himself settles for "work addict". It is curious that someone so enslaved by the Protestant ethic should put his name to a book so inadmissibly lazy. It was, I think, Jonathan Miller who dubbed him "the Bubonic plagiarist"; great slabs of *From Congregations to Audiences* consist of material lifted from his cuttings files and from transcripts of his television interviews. Few of these exchanges merited preservation, and those that do deserve a better setting. (Frost: "What do you do with your moral impetus now?" Noel Coward: "Well, I give it groundsel, and feed it gently.")

One of Frost's achievements is to have pioneered the television equivalent of underarm bowling. "How would you like to be remembered?" he would enquire of his guests. (Moshe Dayan may have had only one eye, but could see a crass question a great way off, and was politely incredulous: "Do you ask it seriously?")

Frost does not ask this question of himself, but we get to see how he regarded himself during the 1960s. It is a picture by turns disagreeable and ludicrous: "Authority had scarcely been challenged in Britain since 1931"; "The conditions were ripe in the UK for that sort of demolition job"; "Debriefing for history — or the first draft of it — carried with it a real responsibility. At the same time it was a unique intellectual privilege."

Frost reminds us at one point of John Cleese's remedy for loud name droppers at an adjacent table: "Wait for a suitable pause, then applaud enthusiastically." Anyone eager for the intellectual privilege of perusing this plump tome will need to evolve a technique for keeping both hands free.

Ian McIntyre's biography of Reith is published next month.

Brainteasing for victory

M.R.D. Foot peers behind the scenes of the extraordinary community that spent the war cracking the German codes

CODE BREAKERS
Edited by F.H. Hinsley and Alan Stripp
Oxford University Press, £17.95

The story of how Polish, French and British ingenuity succeeded in breaking the Enigma machine cipher, widely used by German armed and government services during Hitler's war, has unfolded piecemeal over the last 25 years. It might have been supposed that there was nothing new to be wrung out of it; on the contrary, here is a highly revealing, even exciting book, written with inside knowledge, that lays fascinating former secrets bare.

Some of the finest brains in Britain were assembled at Bletchley Park, a country house near Leighton Buzzard which the secret service bought before the war began, to work on deciphering the Axis powers' cipher messages. Some of the surviving brains now explain how they did it, under the editorship of two of them — one, now Sir Harry Hinsley, went on to academic distinction at Cambridge after a spell on the intelligence staff of Bletchley Park while he was still an undergraduate; the other is one of the leading exponents of the craft of decipher, Alan Stripp.

A cautious note is still sounded by Hinsley in a preface, for government still regards a few points as inadmissible. The wonder is that during the war, and for almost 30 years after it, all that staff kept silent — there were several thousand of them — about what it was that they had been doing. "Presumably," as Stripp now remarks, "we were bright enough to see that it mattered"; no one breathed a word, even to lovers or siblings or parents. (My own sister, I discovered in the early 1980s, had been on the fringe of the business, as a rating in the WRNS — she never spoke of it.)

For if the Germans had realised that the British were reading Enigma, they could with some trouble have gone over to the device of the one-time pads (then and probably since regarded as unbreakable) which they had invented; and which the British themselves used for the second half of the war. Enigma was so convenient to the Wehrmacht that its users were reluctant to give it up. Though they made enquiries from time to time, the Germans remained convinced that it had not been penetrated.

Bletchley's atmosphere was thoroughly informal; though a lieutenant, RNVR did once find himself reprimanded for venturing on a criticism of Admiral Dönitz: "He was told that it was most improper for a lieutenant to criticise an admiral in any way whatsoever."

From a somewhat amateurish start, the organisation settled down for the summer of 1940 to a thoroughly professional regime. Enigma keys could only be broken by extremely hard work — unlike some diplomatic codes for which stolen or lent codebooks were sometimes available. Even Enigma keys were simple compared to the complications of the *Geheimschreiber* (secret machine). Enigma had three, four, or perhaps five revolving wheels inside it to exasperate Bletchley, but *Geheimschreiber* had ten; and worked moreover not with the Morse code of 26 letters in its alphabet but with a commercial variant, the Baudot code with 32.



Alan Turing: genius

Even this could be broken, with the help of the world's first electronic computer, which was put together at Bletchley by the combined genius of Alan Turing and his friends, and a group of Post Office engineers who translated the mathematicians' concepts into a workable machine. An improved model of it, called Colossus II, came on stream just in time for Normandy D-day in June 1944.

Hinsley is well known to intelligence buffs for his magisterial multi-volume account of the influence on strategy and operations of British intelligence in the second world war; a book of impeccable scholarship, from which personalities were deliberately excluded. This book is much easier for the general reader to follow and to enjoy; however fraught the subject, the tone remains light, and there are plenty of direct personal reminiscences of what the work felt like at the time.

Some of the work was merely clerical, quite as dull as any other office job; no more fun for being performed in eight-hour watches (midnight to eight, eight to four, four to midnight). Some of the actual deciphering was so intriguing that those entangled in it stayed on after the end of their watch, to try to finish puzzling out a problem.

Sometimes Bletchley could exercise a direct tactical influence on battle: notably in the Battle of the Atlantic, when after months of frustration the U-boat Enigma code was broken in 1942, with decisive results. A vast card index helped the intelligence staff make sense of apparently trivial points; it was a corporal's posting to Peenemünde that gave the vital hint to where the Germans were preparing their V-weapons.

The mathematical sections are not always readily intelligible to those who barely remember how to solve Pythagoras's theorem, but to the decently numerate will present no problems. Diagrams are there to help, and photographs show both the diabolically complicated machines, and some of the men and women who unravelled their secrets.

In an appendix, Bob Watson, the estate carpenter — a good man with his hands, rather than an intellectual — explains how the park grew a hutted camp round the great house as the war went on; afterwards, it took four men two months to demolish the blastproofing round the telephone exchange.

It is a delight to have so crucial a subject so clearly and so entertainingly described, by some thirty people who really understand what they are discussing, and can set the record quite straight.

Professor Foot is the author of Resistance *(1976),* SOE: Special Operations Executive, 1940-1946 *(1984) and* Art and War *(1990).*

THE SCIENCE MUSEUM



Unsung heroines: much of the work was dull and repetitive, but all were sworn to secrecy and kept silent for nearly 30 years

Calling Indian tunes

Praveen Moman

AFTERNOON RAAG
By Amit Chaudhuri
Heinemann, £13.99

Amit Chaudhuri's second work, a novella, meanders back and forth through the life of an uprooted Indian postgraduate student at Oxford and his childhood in India. It seeks to capture his complex emotions as they would be in a melody or raag in Indian classical music. The author helpfully reminds the reader that "the greater part of the unfolding of a raag consists of a slow evasive introduction in which the notes are related to each other by curving glissandos or meends."

His life in Oxford brings out the anxiety of impermanence and drifting that are all too familiar features of student life. The chance encounters, the intense interactions and the strong friendships that the atmosphere of suspended animation brings form the core of his life there. Half-hearted affairs with two fellow Indian students punctuate his brooding existence, but neither is satisfying and both are conducted largely out of boredom.

This is the story of an outsider's Oxford, a far cry from the privileged nonchalance of *Brideshead Revisited*. It is about the low-budget foreign student, conscious of his foreignness, but keen to become more English. The narrator and his Indian friends stand apart and observe quizzically the strange habits of the English who "do not consider it polite to look at each other" and have an "Anglo-Saxon love of offal".

Like generations of other students before them, they too note the contrast between the workers in Cowley — "not for them history, old buildings, literature" — and the students. The women have "their legs unstockinged in winter, secretly shaved, with faint blue and purple veins".

Parallel to this drifting student existence, the narrator recollects his childhood in India. His overwhelming memory is that of his love for his guru and the music he learnt at his feet. Through the raags he has imbibed the rich folk melodies that collectively provide a territorial and temporal history of northern India. Intertwined in the music are the souvenirs of childhood, of scattered parental homes and communities that no longer exist.

The Indian experience, in India and in Oxford, emerges like an unfolding raag to be savoured. Some of the passages are sensitively written and evocative of the dream world of Indian music. Too much of the content centres, however, on banal recollections that may be of sentimental value but are not always of interest to the reader.

After the "slow evasive introduction" the story does not develop a full-bodied melody nor build up to the obsessive climatic finale that the finest Indian raags achieve. This raag remains a collection of notes, not a complete work.

Intimations of the oceanic

Richard Hough

THE WINE-DARK SEA
By Patrick O'Brian
HarperCollins, £14.99

SINK OR CAPTURE!
By Alan Evans
Hodder & Stoughton, £15.99

Sea yarns come in various guises, and these two books could not be more different. Patrick O'Brian is a veteran practitioner and his knowledge of sailing and the sea is up to C.S. Forester standard. But there are no other similarities with the master. *The Wine-Dark Sea* is heavy with symbolism and allegory, while the metaphysical seems to be ever on the horizon, and sometimes nearer.

Jack Aubrey's frigate *Surprise* is a privateer sailing through the Great South Sea in pursuit of another privateer, under American colours, this being the period of the War of 1812. A chase is a good way to open a sea yarn and O'Brian handles this one convincingly, until "the sea *twitches*: a quick pucker like a horse's skin when there are flies about". Then it turns the wine-dark of the book's title, the wind blows in three directions at once so that a Corelli andante can only be played on deck if the musicians — Martin the viola player and Grainger the cellist — are firmly lashed to their seats. The sea, meanwhile, fills with shark and whale corpses, the sky with cinders, and a cone-shaped black island suddenly appears, belching smoke and flames.

The *Surprise* is much damaged, but after repairs the voyage continues, accompanied by much music and discussion. Two whalers are captured, and dissension among the crews so successfully sown that one harpooner hurls his iron through another's breast. French pirates prove more intractable and there is a heavy battle, well described, before they are overcome. Below decks are found a dozen black slaves and some "little rouged and scented boys".

There is action ashore, too, in Peru and Chile, for the ship's surgeon Stephen Maturin has, it seems, been "charged with setting the revolutionary tinder of South America ablaze". But the *Surprise* is soon at sea again, heading for Cape Horn and a final contest with an immeasurably more powerful American brig. Once again nature comes to the rescue, this time in the form of an iceberg which has drifted curiously far north and provides Jack Aubrey with the cover to escape.

If the reader misses some profound allegory in O'Brian's novel, there is certainly none to be found in Alan Evans's brilliantly contrived sea thriller. Its hero, Captain David Smith RN, is shadowing the German raider *Altmark*, believed to have on board some 300 British seamen captured by the pocket battleship *Graf Spee*.

Smith, himself a survivor of the first world war, commands an ancient "C" class cruiser. He has been in Intelligence for twenty years and without a command. "He and *Cassandra* are a pair." suggests his subordinates. "Dug-out relics from a times past." But they do not know that Smith has an additional motive for running down the heavily escorted *Altmark*. For he believes his missing daughter Sarah may be among the PoWs.

Her rescue, and the release of these men, form the heart of this 30-knot story, in which the villains, and the unfavourable odds, are as clear as the sub-Arctic skies of Norway, and the action has the rate of fire of an Oerlikon cannon.

Mired in subcontinental miseries

Sunetra Gupta

THE LAST BURDEN
By Upamanyu Chatterjee
Faber, £14.99

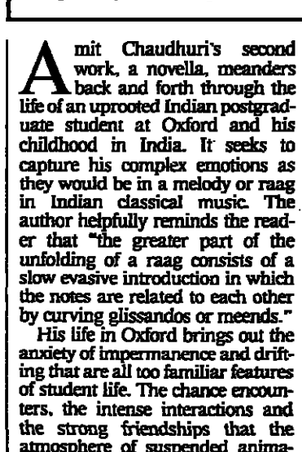
Upamanyu Chatterjee's second novel is a harsh record of the rootlessness and displacement that certain Indians experience within the boundaries of their own land. It charts the miseries of an unorthodox Bengali family, stranded in a nameless part of the subcontinent. They live "like refugees" amid a "mushroom housing colony, set up by the sea on gaunt, hardbitten soil, girdled by tipsy fishermen, harried by fetid sea breezes".

Jamun, the younger of the two sons (both are named after sweetmeats), has temporarily escaped through his job to the wetlands of Maharashtra, where we find him, at the start of the novel, reading Robert Payne's life of Gandhi, guiltily waiting to fly home to his dying mother.

The protracted circumstances of her death occupy much of the real time of the novel. A cascade of medical disasters rapidly exhausts the family finances, precipitates hideous arguments regarding the division of payment, and brings us unendurably close to the horrors of the Indian medical system. Slotted into this relentless narrative are Jamun's reminiscences, arranged like slides upon a reluctant carousel, so that while past and present do not exactly glide into each other, there is a certain mechanical ease even in the most abrupt transitions.

"All, all family narratives are despicable, hideous — if they're faithful to the essential life," insists Jamun's mother, Urmila, while recounting a horrific incident of flagellation and attempted suicide during her childhood in Calcutta. The bulk of Jamun's recollections support this ghastly aphorism. His parents' lives are summarised as "a woman gets knocked up — twice — before her marriage: she isn't growing younger when she does marry, her husband's not too crazy for her; he itches for his niece instead — his sister's daughter — and jockeys for her to lodge with them, on the pretext that he can help her with her studies."

The latter is the hapless, wombless Chhana. The brothers deduce from the fact that she



Chatterjee: bastard idiom

smokes, that "someone must be regularly mounting her — maybe that f***face slave of hers — these Bong [Bengali] spinsters can be desperately horny, and entwining with her menial 'll spice it with extra kink — you know caste 'n all."

Jamun, too, entwines with his menial, "tups his washerup", teases his neighbours with the idea that he is also enjoying his maidservant's son.

Meanwhile, he has secretly fathered a child with his college sweetheart Kasturi. She has married someone else, purportedly because Jamun has refused to marry until after the death of both his parents. This irrational resolve characterises the emptiness of Jamun's life, as does his tedious preoccupation with the subversive. There is a vicious nostalgia in the excruciating recapitulation of physical detail that comments more broadly upon the malaise of a subculture that has been denied its own mythology, whose parents never "distinguished for us Shiva from Krishna, and Sita from bloody Savitri".

To communicate the profound rootlessness of this peculiar metropolitan sub-culture, Chatterjee has constructed a truly bastard language, in which incongruous English slang, such as "sozzled legless" and "doss down", and various random Americanisms form a sort of bilious matrix for such starchstiff words as "sinistrality" and "minacious". This farraginous idiom distinguishes their relationship with the West from the more structured Anglophilia of other Indian communities, such as the Bombay Parsees depicted in the novels of Firdaus Kanga. It is also on the far end of the spectrum from the dignified prose employed by Amit Chaudhuri and Amitav Ghosh to explore the complex affinities of their characters to the Bengali culture from which they have been removed.

Chatterjee's characters, in contrast, appear to be totally lacking in cultural identity. When the mother dies, neither the brothers nor the father know how to drape themselves in mourning dress. Jamun's older brother Burfi, declares "Hey, this actually looks pretty neat ... Ave we to have these on for twelve days or thirteen? ... But how the f*** am I going to exercise with this outfit on ..?" Shocking pronouncements, juvenile philosophising and ornate scatological detail form the substance of this novel. The general effect is one of palpating a rotten fruit — you rapidly become acquainted with its texture, but cannot help wishing you had not.

Sunetra Gupta's latest novel, The Glassblower's Breath, *was published by Orion last month.*

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From the heart of Europe

Victoria Glendinning admires two newly translated Hungarian and Czech classics

If I were thinking of reading this review, instead of thinking of writing it, I should probably proceed no further, seeing that it is about foreign fiction by authors with difficult names of whom I had never heard. Please persist. It is important.

Skylark, published in Hungarian in 1924, is the most original, economical and painful novel I have read in a long time. Mother, father — a retired archivist — and their ageing unmarried daughter Skylark live together in a provincial town, never seeing anyone or moving outside their cocoon of domestic routine.

Skylark is fat, hideous, limited and limiting. Her parents do not acknowledge this. They are utterly devoted to her, and she to them. Skylark goes away for one week to stay with relations. Tears are shed by all three. How will Mother and Father manage without Skylark's plain home cooking and her constant company? They will miss her every minute of every day.

During that week, nothing changes for Skylark. Nothing ever will. That is her tragedy. Her parents, however, re-discover themselves, each other, and the outside world. They eat delicious spicy food in restaurants. They go to the theatre. They drink with old friends, they rearrange all the furniture, and Mother plays the piano until the small hours — the piano has been locked for years because Skylark has no talent. Father re-experiences lust, and gets so drunk that he makes the ultimate, shocking confession to his wife about their daughter: "We don't love her ... We hate her. We detest her."

Skylark comes home to an emotional welcome. The claustrophobic tyranny of co-dependence is re-established, "their souls curling hideously inward". Nothing more will happen to any of them except death.

Péter Esterházy writes in his introduction that Skylark and her ugliness represent the unnameable dread from which we all suffer and cannot escape. He also says that Kosztolányi is "multicoloured and ineffable, like a rainbow", which I guess he is, but it probably sounds better in Hungarian.

Skylark is also a detailed reconstruction of Kosztolányi's home-town Subotica, which is now in Serbia. The novel is set in 1899, when Subotica was in Hungary and under the Austrian empire. The depression that underlies the family's existence reflects a wider alienation. The Czech author Jan Neruda belonged to an earlier generation: *Prague Tales* was published in 1878. His stories of artisans, students and small tradesmen of Malá Strana, the quarter of Prague that huddles round the castle hill, are more explicit about the deadening effects of Austrian imperialism.

Neruda was a journalist, and his tales are sketches or vignettes of street-scenes, domestic interiors and tavern life, and of the types and characters who inhabit them. Plot is secondary, used to give an anecdotal twitch to the tales. Loneliness, sameness, trappedness and lack of communication are the themes. Solitary men, observed by some equally solitary onlooker, are the most frequent characters. Yet the energy of the writing is such that the tales are not depressing.

SKYLARK
By Dezso Kosztolanyi
Translated by Richard Aczel

PRAGUE TALES
By Jan Neruda
Translated by M.H. Heim
Chatto & Windus, £10.99 each pbk originals

To write in Czech at all was for Neruda an act of patriotism. Ivan Klíma's introduction explains how the Czech lands were systematically Germanised from the 17th century, with the result that Czech became the language only of peasants. Official, social and urban life was conducted in German. Schoolchildren were taught in German. To understand this is to understand the specially respected position that Czech writers still have. It would be interesting to discover why the Czech language was restored so successfully when the Irish language, which suffered similar suppression and carried the same national aspiration, was not.

The two longest stories in *Prague Tales* are anatomies of old apartment houses with their balconies, landings and outside staircases, built round a central courtyard. Neruda is a cataloguer of small private things — habits, fantasies, household objects, domestic trivia. There is the secret life inside each flat, and the communal life that all share willy-nilly. It is like documentary film. The method is that of the young writer in one of the flats who plans to apply his creator's techniques, writing in Czech which is disallowed at his workplace: "So I'll write sketches of office life, the day-to-day routine; I'll be the photographer and biographer of my colleagues ..."

I would bet that Georges Perec had Jan Neruda in mind when, a century later, he wrote *Life: A User's Manual*, his anatomy of a Paris apartment block, which plays far more ambitious space-time games with all the people, and all the dreams, chairs, and curtains that the building ever contained. *Prague Tales* and *Skylark* — which both begin with the relentless ticking of an old clock — are written within a tradition that is recognisably shared not only by Perec, but by Proust, Kafka, Joyce, Camus, Beckett — and not a single English writer that I can think of.

Reading Neruda and Kosztolányi, you realise how far our island status, and our inexperience of imperialism from the receiving end, has isolated us mentally. Fiction narrows the gap as the most cogent work of political history cannot. Neruda writes in one of his stories that "no reader ever asks a question", and that a writer must "force his favours" upon his readers. But fiction of this quality is seduction, not rape.

These two books are the first in a series of newly translated Central European classics edited by Timothy Garton Ash. My only complaint is that the end-notes to literary, topographical and historical allusions in the texts are sparse and arbitrary. We are so ignorant, we need all the help we can get.



Berlin, 1930: two nuns passing a nude statue, by Tina Modotti, the Italian photographer who emigrated to America, fell in love with her teacher Edward Weston and became a political activist in Mexico, the Soviet Union and Spain. *Tina Modotti: a fragile life* by Mildred Constantine (Bloomsbury, £16.99) is published next month.

Bar mitzvah in the Bukovina

Adam LeBor

THE AGE OF WONDERS
By Aharon Appelfeld
Quartet, £7.95 pbk original

OCTOBER EIGHT O'CLOCK
By Norman Manea
Quartet, £8.95 pbk original

Aharon Appelfeld has joined the ranks of those like Isaac Bashevis Singer who recreate the lost world of central and eastern European Jewry before the second world war. Norman Manea's collection of short stories starts later, telling of the camps and the survivors' lives in the communist dictatorship that followed the Nazi one. These two writers were born within four years of each other in 1930s Bukovina, now part of Romania and Ukraine.

Set in a small town in Austria, Appelfeld's *The Age of Wonders* draws a haunting portrait of the slow death of a Jewish family. It straddles two eras in the life of a writer's son: the onset of war in the late 1930s, and his return 30 years later to attempt to exorcise the ghosts of his past.

There are no descriptions of torchlight rallies or brutal hard-faced youths drunkenly singing the Horst Wessel song. Instead the gradual crumbling of the family's daily existence and the relentless breakdown of its internal relations is portrayed by subtler means. The water in a pond where the child holidayed with his mother turns to bracken, his beloved maid leaves the family's employ. An aunt becomes a manic depressive and takes refuge in a nunnery.

The father, a successful writer, turns on the poor Jews from the east and the Jewish shopkeepers in a series of vituperative outbursts. But his pathetic attempt to differentiate between himself — an author writing novels in German, he explains on a train to his unimpressed fellow passengers — and the peddlars from Poland, is ultimately futile.

Thirty years later the son returns from his new home in Israel to the town where he grew up. This second part of the book is written in the third person, perhaps as a way of illustrating the difference between the life of the central figure, now known as Bruno A., and his childhood years. Appelfeld deftly conveys the ambivalent relations between the Jews of middle Europe and their host countries, as Bruno searches out survivors from his childhood.

Norman Manea, now a professor of literature in America, is described by Heinrich Böll as the contemporary writer "who most deserves being known around the world". Such accolades raise high expectations which Manea does not quite live up to. His 15 short stories, rendered into English by six different translators, are atmospheric but sometimes hazy snapshots.

Like an impressionist painter he well evokes mood and sense of place, but sometimes fails to conjure up a sense of character, concentrating too much on verdant trees, fading sunlight and dusty rooms. Yet in longer stories such as "The Instructor", the tale of a rebellious boy preparing for his bar mitzvah who prefers the *Communist Manifesto* to the Torah, Manea shows that he too can delve deeply into the human psyche, and portray the confusion and hopes that lurk there.

Adam LeBor reports for The Times *from central Europe.*

Smoothing out exoticisms

Michael Hofmann

NARCISSUS AND GOLDMUND
By Hermann Hesse, translated by Leila Vennewitz
Peter Owen, £15.75

THE TRAGEDY OF MAN
By Imre Madach, translated by Iain MacLeod
Canongate, £14.99

Apparently, they translate about as many books in Iceland as they do in Britain. The "fiction in English translation" column of the *Times Literary Supplement* is quite frequently empty: no foreign novels published in that week. This low production shows itself in the number of classic foreign texts that have only been translated once.

If rewards for translators are pathetic, sanctions are non-existent. A translation might be terrible and receive crushing reviews, but you could be sure that the culprit would dust himself off and go on to his next assignment. The inference is that something as slackly done and managed as this is not worth doing at all.

Of late, there has been some change. Though many foreign classics are still available in only one translation, there seems to be a spate of new versions of foreign classics, such as D.J. Enright's recent revision of the Kilmartin/-Scott-Moncrieff translation of Proust; and new versions of novels by Dostoyevsky, Flaubert, Kafka, Mann and Camus. Even this trend, though, is open to a pessimistic interpretation: in devoting themselves to classics, publishers and translators are turning away from new and contemporary works, and behaving just as feebly and retrogressively as the film industry, with its endless remakes or pop with its re-releases, remixes and cover versions.

Pessimistic or hopeful, Leila Vennewitz's translation of *Narcissus and Goldmund* is a case in point. The publisher, Peter Owen, brought out the earlier translation by Geoffrey Dunlop in 1959; his Penguin edition has gone through 21 printings. Vennewitz, who is also Heinrich Böll's translator, lives in Canada and is one of the best contemporary translators of German, alongside John Woods and Joachim Neugroschel.



Hermann Hesse: a piece of Victorian stained glass

Why Hermann Hesse has a serious reputation (he won the Nobel prize in 1946) is a mystery to me: he should be sold under the counter to public schoolboys. This tale of a medieval monk and his former acolyte, whom he persuades to quit the monastery and live in the wild (among women) as an artist is preposterous outside public school — two notes with crashing romantic orchestration: "Wonderful, that darkly beautiful sadness of this love, its folly and hopelessness; they were beautiful, those meditative, sleepless nights."

Still, if you must read *Narcissus and Goldmund*, Vennewitz's translation is in almost every way preferable to Dunlop's version. It is smoother, more accurate, less contentious in its diction, although I deprecate her occasional Americanisms ("turn on the charm", "back off", "go for dinner"). It seems in current translation practice that smoothness is all; there isn't the tolerance for the extravagance and the barbed, antique prose of Dunlop with its confident horrors, "good man", "churl", "whit", "manchet" and the rest of its neo-medievalisms. Still, for all its faults, only Dunlop's translation conveys that Hesse's original is a piece of Victorian stained glass.

With his global reputation, however unmerited, Hesse is obviously a special case. *The Tragedy of Man*, more typically, is acclaimed as a classic in its own country, Hungary, but is little known outside. Imre Madach was a Hungarian parliamentarian, and his 3,000-line political-philosophical dramatic poem, "an all-time favourite with Hungarian audiences" was published in 1862.

Adam and Eve, having been led astray by Lucifer, are shown glimpses of the future — the Egyptians, the Romans, Kepler's Prague, the French Revolution, futuristic outer space. For all the inevitable echoes of Milton and Faust, *The Tragedy of Man* seems strikingly modern, a meditation on human organisation and happiness.

Unlike Hesse, Madach's Lucifer has humour, and the way Adam and Eve keep returning in different ages and guises, and falling in love with each other, has dramatic possibilities. The poem/play is beautifully and fervently presented by Iain MacLeod, with erudite notes and suggestive stage directions. With cuts, it deserves a stage outing.

Does art give life meaning?

Lesley Chamberlain

INTRODUCTORY LECTURES ON AESTHETICS
By G.W.F. Hegel
Edited by Michael Inwood
Penguin Classics, £6.99 pbk

THE BIRTH OF TRAGEDY
By Friedrich Nietzsche
Edited by Michael Tanner
Penguin Classics, £5.99 pbk

Hegel's treatise on aesthetics is notoriously opaque. It requires close study but is probably still worth the effort for the interested layman, so one turns gratefully to Michael Inwood's introduction and commentary for help. Born in 1771, Hegel was a pioneer in the field of aesthetics, and what he says, for instance, about the debilitating effects of excessive authorial irony and inwardness, raises questions that are still unresolved.

The daunting aspect of Hegel is, rather, that vastly complex system of Absolute Spirit into which he slotted all intellectual and intuitive activity, together with Nature and the ways of God. His lectures on aesthetics, delivered towards the end of his life (he died of cholera in 1831), boldly developed Kant's *Critique of Aesthetic Judgment*.

Kant located unity and purpose in the mind alone, but for Hegel they also belonged in the universe, in history and in the mind of God. They were not tentative at all, which meant that art's importance was diminishing as man became more aware of what bound his reflective self to the world around him. Religion and philosophy were bound to supersede art.

A question then arises: did Hegel, he of the end of history, also imply the end of art? Inwood thinks that interpretation plausible, especially so far as Christian art is concerned, though Hegel's argument remains ambiguous.

The idea of art echoing and endorsing a divinely ordered world has declined since Hegel's day. Nietzsche, so modern and colourful compared with his ponderous predecessor, was one of the first to speculate on why. When he burst on to the scene as a young professor of philology and ardent Wagnerian, he declared that art alone justified life.

Later Nietzsche lamented that the 1872 essay, *The Birth of Tragedy*, with its famous dichotomy of the Apollonian and the Dionysiac, smelt "offensively Hegelian". It looked like another elaborate scheme, this time to prescribe a new or renewed art of the future, and Nietzsche abhorred systems and anything smacking of "German heaviness".

Yet he was too self-critical. The scheme of *The Birth of Tragedy* may be elusive and its argument inconsistent, but it is such a wild, personal tribute to the power and necessity of art, written in such compelling, rhythmic language that its impact has been compared to music. Shaun Whiteside has translated with a fine ear. Michael Tanner wisely nails the excesses of Nietzsche alongside his great merits.

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Sarawat justifies Ebor gamble

By Julian Muscat

OWNER Stewart Aitken does not do things by halves. Fuelled by a belief in his Sarawat, the casino owner from Falkirk backed him to win a king's ransom in yesterday's Tote Ebor Handicap at York, and the five-year-old responded by turning this normally competitive race into a procession.

Just as well, for Aitken has doctor's orders to ease off life's throttle after he suffered a heart attack recently. Indeed, Sarawat himself underwent an operation for his breathing in January.

It was all so easy. Richard Quinn, under Aitken's strict instructions, set sail for home as soon as he reached the long York straight. In no time Sarawat had opened up a healthy lead, and it was clear from some way out that this £50,000-plus prize was safely in his pocket.

Oh So Risky made a valiant attempt to get to Sarawat, although the fact that he was last of 21 at halfway surely compromised his chance. The winning margin was a comfortable 2½ lengths, with Dreams End a further threequarters of a length third. Key To My Heart finished fourth.

"The owner was adamant about how the horse should be ridden, and he was right," Reg Akehurst, the winning trainer, said. "I didn't know too much about it myself."

Neither did the stewards, who were obviously unaware Sarawat was moved from Mary Reveley's Saltburn stables a month ago. This was the horse's first run from Akehurst's Epsom base: he could not, therefore, help the stewards, who summoned him to explain the improvement Sarawat showed from his last outing at Ayr.

Aitken cited his mode of transport — by aeroplane — as the prime reason for changing stables. A more likely explanation is that the Scot left £15,000 with the bookmakers after that Ayr disappointment. Aitken's money went west; the horse headed south.

The financial damage was well and truly repaired yesterday. Aitken admitted to taking £150,000 from Ladbrokes alone. "It was like pennies from heaven," he said, although the off-course chain handled over £100,000 in bets for the disappointing favourite, Spin Doctor, who finished ninth.

Aitken's heart condition is not one with which Turtle Island can be afflicted. Robert Sangster's admirable juvenile turned out for the Gimcrack Stakes only ten days after triumphing in the group one Heinz 57 Stakes at Leopardstown.

There was no telling this was the colt's fifth start in two months as he settled down to a thrilling tussle with Unblest. "I knew that as soon as my horse saw Unblest he would get his head in front at the line," Peter Chapple-Hyam, his trainer, said. So it proved, and by just that margin.

Sangster said Turtle Island would be rested before a supplementary entry for the Middle Park Stakes is considered. The owner also confirmed that Ireland's Coolmore Stud, which he owns in partnership with Vincent O'Brien and John Magnier, was poised to complete the purchase of Tenby for stud duties.

Chapple-Hyam, meanwhile, excused White Muzzle's disappointing performance in Tuesday's International Stakes on the grounds of his taxing King George and Queen Elizabeth Diamond Stakes effort. The horse has almost certainly run his last race in Europe; his next outing will be in the Japan Cup.

The notion that User Friendly's Japan Cup assault last season might have been one too many surfaced again yesterday when she could finish only third behind the impressive Only Royale in the group one Yorkshire Oaks.

Luca Cumani's filly looked something to reckon with as she strode away from Dancing Bloom in the final furlong. Not surprisingly, Only Royale will now run in the best races, although Cumani intends to keep her to yesterday's distance of a mile and a half.

User Friendly is to be rested before building up towards another attempt at the Prix de l'Arc de Triomphe, in which she narrowly failed last year.

HUGH ROUTLEDGE



Splendid isolation: Only Royale, ridden by Ray Cochrane, comfortably lands the Yorkshire Oaks yesterday

RICHARD EVANS

Nap: KITHANGA (4.45 York)
Next best: Dawning Street (3.45 York)

YORK

THUNDERER

2.05 Owington
2.35 Risky
3.10 COLLEGE CHAPEL (nap)
3.45 Teshami
4.15 White Willow
4.45 Alinova
5.15 Tinners Way

Our Newmarket Correspondent: 2.05 OWINGTON (nap). 3.10 Keen Hunter. 4.45 Kithanga.

The Times Private Handicapper's top rating: 4.45 ANNA OF SAXONY.

GOING: GOOD DRAW: NO ADVANTAGE SIS

2.05 MOORESTYLE CONVIVIAL MAIDEN STAKES (C4)
(2-Y-O: £7,505: 6f) (11 runners)

101 (1) COLWAY RAKE (R Coleman) J Watts 9-0 — W R Swinburn —
102 (2) FAWRAN (Shaikh Ahmed Al Maktoum) J Gosden 9-0 — M Roberts —
103 (3) 322 JAZEEL 22 (H Al-Maktoum) J Dunlop 9-0 — W Carson 88
104 (8) MIDNIGHT LEGEND (Umm Qarn Racing) L Cumani 9-0 — R Cochrane —
105 (5) NIZAAL (H Al-Maktoum) H Thomson Jones 9-0 — R Hills —
106 (7) 3 OWINGTON 19 (Baron G von Ullmann) G Wragg 9-0 — M Hills 93
107 (6) PERTEMPS FLYER (Pertemps Ltd) B McMahon 9-0 — L Dettori —
108 (10) PINKERTON'S PAL (Miss E Macgregor) C Brittain 9-0 — M Birch —
109 (4) 2 STASH THE CASH 15 (J Davis) R Hannon 9-0 — Pat Eddery 87
110 (11) WESTERN GENERAL (Mrs J McAllester) W Jarvis 9-0 — P Robinson —
111 (9) 6 RISKY TU 19 (L Norris) P Kelleway 8-9 — J Carroll —

BETTING: 5-2 Owington, 4-1 Stash The Cash, 5-1 Jazeel, 6-1 Fawran, 7-1 Midnight Legend, Nizaal, 10-1 others.

1992: REVELATION 9-0 Pat Eddery (100-30) R Hannon 6 ran

FORM FOCUS

JAZEEL ½l 2nd of 11 to Electrify in a maiden at Goodwood (6f, good to soft). OWINGTON 4l 3rd of 11 to Forest Gazelle in a maiden at Newmarket (6f, good). STASH THE CASH ½l 2nd of 16 to Bumaam in a maiden at Kempton (7f, good). FAWRAN (Feb 8, cost $230,000) first foal. Dam won ten races in North America including in grade I company. MIDNIGHT LEGEND (Mar 20, 21,000gns) is a half-brother, by Night Shift, to Superion, consistent 1m 1f-1m 2f winning handicapper. Dam fairly useful 1m 5f winner.
Selection: JAZEEL

2.35 LOWTHER STAKES (C4)
(Group II: 2-Y-O fillies: £38,518: 6f) (9 runners)

201 (1) 112111 RISKY 20 (F,G,S) (Roldvale Ltd) R Hannon 9-0 — W R Swinburn 99
202 (2) 1134 GREAT DEEDS 26 (D,F,S) (Dubai Racing Syndicate) M Channon 8-11 — T Quinn 90
203 (9) 352 I'M YOUR LADY 34 (BF) (M T Stowes) B McMahon 8-11 — J Fortune 78
204 (5) 41 MEHTHAAF 12 (D,S) (H Al-Maktoum) J Dunlop 8-11 — W Carson 98
205 (3) 33 NICE WELCOME 14 (BF) (M Wacket) R Guest 8-11 — L Dettori 77
206 (7) 15 PROPHECY 26 (F) (K Abdulla) J Gosden 8-11 — Pat Eddery 89
207 (6) 52 SO SEDULOUS 9 (BF) (Mrs N Bscher) G Wragg 8-11 — M Hills 74
208 (8) 13 TAMAR'S BRIGADE 69 (D,G) (P Cradeni) M McCormack 8-11 — J Reid 77
209 (4) 141 VELVET MOON 38 (D,F,G) (F Salman) P Cole 8-11 — A Munro 89

BETTING: 4-7 Risky, 6-1 Mehthaaf, 7-1 Prophecy, 10-1 Great Deeds, 12-1 Velvet Moon, 20-1

1992: NICHE 9-0 L Piggott (2-1) R Hannon 6 ran

FORM FOCUS

RISKY beat Imperial Bailiwick 3½l in the 5-runner group II Molecomb Stakes at Goodwood (5f, good to soft). GREAT DEEDS about 1l 4th of 7 to A Smooth One in the group III Princess Margaret Stakes at Ascot (6f, good to soft), with PROPHECY a neck 5th. MEHTHAAF beat Asdal 10l in a 7-runner maiden at Haydock (6f, good to soft). VELVET MOON beat Star Speeder 1l in a 6-runner conditions race at Windsor (6f, good to firm).
Selection: RISKY

3.10 KEENELAND NUNTHORPE STAKES (C4)
(Group I: £87,583: 5f) (11 runners)

301 (2) 3121-P6 BLYTON LAD 21 (D,F,G) (Mrs J Addleshaw) M Camacho 7-9-6 — S Webster 85
302 (9) 4-22316 BOLD N'FLASHY 27 (F) (Terra Farms) Ms D England (Can) 4-9-6 — A Munro 83
303 (3) 4135-10 ELBIO 42 (V,D,F,G,S) (B Brackwood) P Makin 6-9-6 — W R Swinburn 98
304 (8) 5-00400 FREDDIE LLOYD 21 (CD,F,G,S) (M Hill) N Callaghan 4-9-6 — J Reid 81
305 (4) 222-243 KEEN HUNTER 21 (D,F,G,S) (Shaikh Mohammed) J Gosden 6-9-6 — M Roberts 93
306 (1) 60-1132 PARIS HOUSE 21 (D,F,G,S) (P Chandler) J Berry 4-9-6 — J Carroll 92
307 (10) 11121 COLLEGE CHAPEL 18 (G,S) (Red Rob Racing Ltd) M O'Brien (Ire) 3-9-3 — L Piggott 99
308 (5) 344311 LOCHSONG 21 (C,D,F,G,S) (J Smith) I Balding 5-9-3 — L Dettori 87
309 (6) 115-101 SEA GAZER 73 (D,F,G,S) (P Savill) T Barron 3-9-3 — K Darley 83
310 (11) 112-610 LYRIC FANTASY 62 (CD,F,G,S) (Mrs J Magnier) R Hannon 3-9-0 — Pat Eddery 85
311 (7) 110-00 MILLYANT 80 (D,F,G) (C Mills) R Guest 3-9-0 — W Carson 75

BETTING: 15-8 College Chapel, 7-2 Keen Hunter, 5-1 Elbio, 11-2 Paris House, 9-1 Lyric Fantasy, 10-1 Lochsong, 40-1 Blyton Lad, Sea Gazer, 50-1 Bold N'Flashy, 66-1 Freddie Lloyd, 150-1 Millyant.

1992: LYRIC FANTASY 2-7-8 M Roberts (8-11 fav) R Hannon 11 ran

FORM FOCUS

ELBIO beat Wolfhound 2l in the 8-runner group II King's Stand Stakes at Royal Ascot on penultimate start (5f, soft), with PARIS HOUSE a short-head 3rd, FREDDIE LLOYD 3½l 4th and LYRIC FANTASY 7½l 7th. COLLEGE CHAPEL beat Dandoun 1l in the group II Prix Maurice Gheest at Deauville (6f 110yd, good to soft). Previously, beat KEEN HUNTER (3lb better off) 1l in the 19-runner group III Cork And Orrery Stakes at Royal Ascot (6f, soft). LOCHSONG beat PARIS HOUSE (8lb better off) a head in the 11-runner group III King George Stakes at Goodwood (5f, good to soft), with KEEN HUNTER (10lb better off) a neck 3rd. BLYTON LAD about 3l 6th and FREDDIE LLOYD (5lb better off) 3½l 11th. SEA GAZER beat Bradawn Breever 1l in the 9-runner group III Cara Ballygoggan Stakes at Leopardstown (5f, good).
Selection: COLLEGE CHAPEL (nap)

3.45 BRADFORD & BINGLEY RATED HANDICAP (C4)
(£21,241: 7f 202yd) (15 runners)

401 (10) 432031 APPROACH THE BENCH 11 (D,G) (J Mathem) J Mulhern 5-9-12 (3ex) — J Reid 85
402 (8) 510126 TIK FA 24 (B,D,F,G,S) (A Ali) B Hanbury 4-9-6 — W R Swinburn 98
403 (6) 011100 PAY HOMAGE 21 (D,F,G) (Mrs A Hill) I Balding 5-9-5 — L Dettori 98
404 (1) 344-153 ST NINIAN 41 (CD,F,G,S) (M Easterby) M H Easterby 7-9-3 — M Birch 89
405 (13) 16-0203 GYMCRAK PREMIERE 47 (C,D,F,G,S) (Gymcrak Racing) G Holmes 5-9-2 — K Darley 95
406 (12) 2-21026 LITTLE BEAN 26 (V,D,F,G) (Sir Philip Oppenheimer) G Wragg 4-9-2 — M Hills 97
407 (2) /01-031 DAWNING STREET 26 (D,G) (Windflower Holdings) J Dunlop 5-8-13 — Pat Eddery 97
408 (14) 0-60100 TAUFAN BLU 54 (B,F,G,S) (Hambleton Lodge Ltd) B Beasley 4-8-13 — J Fortune 98
409 (11) 0-65422 LOST SOLDIER 21 (F,G) (Shaikh Mohammed) L Cumani 3-8-12 — R Cochrane 96
410 (5) 0-02341 PHILIDOR 21 (D,F,G,S) (J Smith) J Eustace 4-8-7 — N Kennedy (3) 98
411 (7) 141624 RIBHI 26 (D,F) (H Al-Maktoum) D Morley 3-8-6 — W Carson 98
412 (4) 582000 BAND ON THE RUN 29 (CD,F,G,S) (D Allen) B McMahon 6-8-7 — T Quinn 95
413 (15) 038425 ROYAL SEATON 48 (G,S) (Axminster Carpets Ltd) B Millman 4-8-7 — J Carroll 97
414 (3) 02151 TESHAMI 12 (D,S) (Shaikh Mohammed) J Gosden 3-8-6 — M Roberts 99
415 (9) 03-5565 MYSTIC GODDESS 23 (F,G) (Cheveley Park Stud) M Stoute 3-8-4 — A Munro 87

Long handicap: Philidor 8-6, Band On The Run 8-6, Royal Seaton 8-6 (Minimum weight 4-Y-O+ 8-7, 3-Y-O 8-1).

BETTING: 9-2 Teshami, 6-1 Dawning Street, 7-1 Lost Soldier, 8-1 Philidor, Ribhi, 9-1 Gymcrak Premiere, 14-1 Little Bean, 16-1 Approach The Bench, Royal Seaton, St Ninian, 20-1 Mystic Goddess, Pay Homage, Tik Fa, 25-1 Band On The Run, 33-1 Taufan Blu.

1992: DOULAB'S IMAGE 5-8-11 S Williams (14-1) J Glover 22 ran

FORM FOCUS

TIK FA 1½l 2nd of 7 to Thourios in a conditions race over course and distance (good to firm). PAY HOMAGE's best effort came when beating Marastani 2l in a valuable 9-runner handicap at Sandown (1m, good to firm). GYMCRAK PREMIERE neck 2nd of 11 to Risk Master in a listed handicap, over course and distance, in May (good) with BAND ON THE RUN (9lb better off) 7l 6th and LITTLE BEAN (2lb better off) 3l 10th. DAWNING STREET beat Penny Drops a short head in a handicap at Ascot (1m, good), with RIBHI (3lb better off) 1½l 4th and BAND ON THE RUN (10lb better off) 19½l 14th. PHILIDOR beat LOST SOLDIER (1lb better off) a short head in the 19-runner Schweppes Golden Mile handicap at Goodwood (1m, good to soft), with PAY HOMAGE (1lb better off) 4½l 11th. ROYAL SEATON 1½l 2nd of 30 to Imperial Ballet in the Royal Hunt Cup at Royal Ascot (1m, soft), with PHILIDOR (1lb worse off) 5l 3rd. APPROACH THE BENCH 11½l 12th, GYMCRAK PREMIERE 10l 17th and BAND ON THE RUN 1l 21st. TESHAMI comfortably beat Coneybury ¾l in 10-runner handicap at Haydock (1m, good to soft).
Selection: PHILIDOR

4.15 LADBROKE KNAVESMIRE HANDICAP (C4)
(£12,817: 1m 3f 195yd) (22 runners)

501 (7) 2156-30 HIGHBROOK 40 (D,BF,G) (N Cook) M Tompkins 5-10-0 — P Robinson 93
502 (10) 36-1565 REDSTELLA 40 (S) (E Thomas) R Whitaker 4-9-13 — J Reid 92
503 (15) 416125 CRYSTAL CROSS 15 (CD,F,G,S) (U Schwarzenbach) I Balding 4-9-13 — L Dettori 94
504 (9) 130113 MUCH SOUGHT AFTER 13 (D,BF,B,S) D Morley 4-9-12 — R Hills 94
505 (3) 001225 DRUMMER HICKS 19 (C,F,G,S) (Mrs N Napier) E Weymes 4-9-10 — Pat Eddery 94
506 (11) 4350-01 WHITECHAPEL 26 (D,B,S) (The Queen) Lord Huntingdon 5-9-9 — A Munro 97
507 (6) 112021 AZUREUS 13 (CD,F) (J Murdoch) Mrs M Reveley 5-9-8 — Darren Moffatt (5) 89
508 (5) 210332 AMBIGUOUSLY REGAL 41 (CD,G,S) (G Ohrstrom) Mrs J Cecil 4-9-8 — L Piggott 94
509 (19) 3-211 MOSCOW SEA 27 (F,G) (Shaikh Mohammed) H Cecil 3-9-7 — M Roberts 96
510 (13) 141324 WHITE WILLOW 48 (D,G,S) (Mrs H North) Mrs M Reveley 4-9-3 — K Darley 97
511 (2) 4-4341 ARKAAN 12 (F) (M Al Maktoum) M Stoute 3-9-3 — W R Swinburn 94
512 (21) 400-112 LATVIAN 29 (D,F,G) (J Seymour) R Allan 6-9-2 — N Connorton 93
513 (20) 24-21 DRAGON'S TEETH 16 (F) (Lord Weinstock) L Cumani 3-9-2 — R Cochrane 97
514 (22) 062140 BLUE BLAZER 20 (G,S) (McHalper Syndicate) B Hanbury 3-9-1 — M Hills 93
515 (16) 020422 CHATHAM ISLAND 5 (F,G) (B Vosk) C Brittain 5-9-0 — J Fortune 99
516 (4) 460226 YILDIZ 23 (D,F,G) (S Mino) B Hills 4-9-0 — W Carson 98
517 (17) 0630-41 ROBERTY LEA 13 (D,F,G,S) (Wenlidale Const Ltd) Mrs M Reveley 5-8-13 — T Quinn 93
518 (12) 183131 CUMBRIAN RHAPSODY 12 (D,B,S) M H Easterby 3-8-10 — S Maloney (3) 93
519 (8) 6001 MOSHAAJIR 18 (G) (S Macdonald) C Smith 3-8-7 — N Kennedy (3) 98
520 (18) 563000 BIGWHEEL BILL 6 (CD,S) (G Cooper) J Watts 4-8-6 — M Birch 93
521 (1) 214412 AEGAEN LADY 21 (S) (D Blackwood) J Etherington 4-8-4 — J Carroll 92
522 (14) 303-65 BLUE LAWS 33 (Marquesa de Moratalla) Jimmy Fitzgerald 3-8-4 — S Wood 85

BETTING: 10-1 Dragon's Teeth, Moscow Sea, Whitechapel, 12-1 Arkaan, Cumbrian Rhapsody, Yildiz, 14-1 Blue Laws, Drummer Hicks, Roberty Lea, White Willow, 16-1 Ambiguously Regal, Chatam Island, Crystal Cross, Highbrook, 20-1 Latvian, Moshaajir, Much Sought After, 25-1 Azureus, Blue Blazer, Redstella, 50-1 others.

1992: OPERA GHOST 6-8-13 W R Swinburn (14-1) P Harris 17 ran

FORM FOCUS

WHITECHAPEL beat Nassma 2½l in a 7-runner handicap at Ascot (1m 4f, good). AZUREUS beat Temple Knight 3½l in a 4-runner claimer at Newmarket (1m 4f, good to firm). MOSCOW SEA beat Brandonhurst a neck in a 15-runner handicap at Ascot (1m 2f, good). ARKAAN beat Eden's Close head in a 10-runner handicap at Newmarket (1m 2f, good to firm). LATVIAN ¾l 2nd of 10 to Storley Rose in a handicap at Doncaster (1m 2f 110yd, good), with AZUREUS (1lb worse off) 3¼l 7th. DRAGON'S TEETH beat Princess Tateum 5l in a 4-runner handicap at Brighton (1m 2f, firm). CHATHAM ISLAND 1½l 2nd of 10 to General Mouktar in a handicap at Newbury (1m 4f, good to firm). ROBERTY LEA beat Mad Militant 1½l in a 6-runner handicap at Haydock (1m 4f, soft), with MUCH SOUGHT AFTER (4lb better off) ¾l 3rd. CUMBRIAN RHAPSODY beat Harlestone Brook 2l in an 11-runner handicap at Haydock (1m 6f, good to soft).
Selection: WHITECHAPEL

4.45 GALTRES STAKES
(Listed race fillies & mares: £14,750: 1m 3f 195yd) (7 runners)

601 (7) 20-1104 ANNA OF SAXONY 20 (D,F,G,S) (Shaikh Mohammed) J Gosden 4-9-4 — W Carson 99
602 (1) 13-6254 ANNE BONNY 21 (G) (D Thompson) J Fanshawe 4-9-4 — W R Swinburn 89
603 (5) 32115 ALINOVA 20 (C,BF,G,S) (Shaikh Mohammed) H Cecil 3-8-8 — W Ryan 82
604 (3) 21-2001 ALOUETTE 12 (D,G) (Miss A Rassmp) J Bolger (Ire) 3-8-8 — C Roche 92
605 (6) 34-2620 IVIZA 47 (G) (Shaikh Mohammed) M Stoute 3-8-8 — M Roberts 90
606 (2) 221 KITHANGA 12 (D,F) (Fittocks Stud Ltd) L Cumani 3-8-8 — R Cochrane 78
607 (4) 0-61 MEAVY 15 (D,F) (Lord & Lacy Roborough) W Jarvis 3-8-8 — T Quinn 73

BETTING: 11-4 Anna Of Saxony, 7-2 Anne Bonny, 9-2 Alouette, Iviza, 6-1 Kithanga, 10-1 Alinova, 16-1 Meavy

1992: CUNNING 3-8-8 L Dettori (4-5 fav) L Cumani 7 ran

FORM FOCUS

ANNA OF SAXONY 3l 4th of 12 to Usaidit in a listed handicap at Goodwood (1m 4f, good to soft). ANNE BONNY 6l 5th of 8 to Rainbow Lake in the group III Lancashire Oaks at Haydock on penultimate start (1m 4f, good), with ANNA OF SAXONY ¾l 7th and IVIZA ¾l 8th. ALINOVA 12½l 5th of 12 to Lille Hammer in a handicap at Goodwood (1m 6f, good to soft). ALOUETTE beat Currency Basket 5½l in a 9-runner handicap at Leopardstown (1m 4f, good). IVIZA 1½l 2nd of 8 to Thawakib in the group II Ribblesdale Stakes at Royal Ascot on penultimate start (1m 4f, soft).
Selection: ANNA OF SAXONY

5.15 CITY OF YORK STAKES
(Listed race: £11,745: 6f 214yd) (11 runners)

1 (5) 1-63105 ARDKINGLASS 6 (C,D,F,G,S) (Sir David Wills) H Cecil 3-3-3 — W Ryan 97
2 (4) 112061 BRANSTON ABBY 18 (C,D,F,G,S) (J Abell) M Johnston 4-9-0 — T Quinn 96
3 (3) 321311 EN ATTENDANT 12 (D,F,G) (Mrs S Newton) B Hanbury 5-9-0 — L Piggott 99
4 (7) 15- FRAAM 329 (BF,G) (M Al Maktoum) A Scott 4-9-0 — W R Swinburn 77
5 (6) 32-3493 HUMAM 34 (F,S) (H Al-Maktoum) H Thomson Jones 3-9-0 — R Hills 88
6 (8) 22/00-10 THOUSLA ROCK 26 (D,F,S) (R Sangster) P Chapple-Hyam 4-9-0 — J Reid 85
7 (11) 545205 VENTURE CAPITALIST 19 (B,F,G) (Mrs J Harris) R Hannon 4-9-0 — K Darley 87
8 (2) 4-01023 YOUNG SENOR 24 (B,C,D,F,S) (Mollers Racing) G Wragg 4-9-0 — M Hills 98
9 (10) 444444 FITZCARRALDO 19 (D,F) (Shaikh Mohammed) L Cumani 3-8-9 — M Roberts 94
10 (9) 1-300 TINNERS WAY 22 (D,G) (K Abdulla) J Gosden 3-8-9 — Pat Eddery 97
11 (1) 013236 ROSE FLYER 24 (D,G) (A Packaging Ltd) M Chapman 3-8-4 — P Robinson 51

BETTING: 3-1 Ardkinglass, 4-1 En Attendant, 11-2 Young Senor, 6-1 Tinners Way, 8-1 Thousla Rock, 12-1 Fitzcarraldo, 16-1 others.

1992: REPORTED 3-8-9 Pat Eddery (5-1) M Heaton-Ellis 7 ran

FORM FOCUS

ARDKINGLASS 4l 5th of 13 to Inchinor in the group III Hungerford Stakes at Newbury (7f 64yd, good). BRANSTON ABBY beat Fantasy 1¼l in a 7-runner listed race at Maisons (6f 110yd, soft). EN ATTENDANT beat Indian Slave 2½l in a 17-runner handicap at Newmarket (7f, good to firm). HUMAM 2l 3rd of 11 to Thourios in a conditions race at Newbury (7f 64yd, good). THOUSLA ROCK beat Powerful Edge neck in a 5-runner conditions race at Warwick on penultimate start (7f, soft). VENTURE CAPITALIST 3½l 5th of 29 to King's Signet in the Stewards' Cup at Goodwood (6f, good to soft). YOUNG SENOR 1l 3rd of 9 to Eurolink Thunder in the group III Beeswing Stakes at Newcastle (7f, good to firm). FITZCARRALDO 6¼l 4th of 6 to Gabr in a conditions race at Goodwood (1m, good to soft). TINNERS WAY 13l 8th of 10 to Bigstone in the 10-runner group I Sussex Stakes at Goodwood (1m, good to soft), with ARDKINGLASS (8lb worse off) a head 9th.
Selection: YOUNG SENOR

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS	Wins	Rnrs	%	JOCKEYS	Winners	Rides	%
H Cecil	28	100	28.0	Pat Eddery	43	202	21.3
P Cole	12	43	27.9	L Dettori	22	132	16.7
J Gosden	24	88	27.3	M Roberts	32	222	14.4
E Weymes	4	15	26.7	W Carson	32	228	14.0
P Chapple-Hyam	6	25	24.0	W Ryan	8	60	13.3
J Dunlop	13	59	22.0	W R Swinburn	21	163	12.9

TODAY'S RACES ON TELEVISION

YORK
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2.05: Jazeel is the form choice following a good second at Goodwood to Electrify, but Owington, close up behind the smart Forest Gazelle at Newmarket, and Stash The Cash may have more scope for improvement. However, Fawran can spring a surprise. The unraced Silver Hawk colt was bound for Royal Ascot until John Gosden's two-year-olds were hit by a virus. He is well entered in future big races.

2.35: Risky, beaten only once in six starts this season, will be all the rage and the step up to six furlongs should suit. Provided the ground does not dry out too quickly, she holds a favourite's chance. Mehthaaf showed much improved form when winning by ten lengths at Haydock on softish ground and looks the main danger.

3.10: Paris House ran his best race when just going down to Lochsong in the King George Stakes at Goodwood, and should reverse those placings on 8lb better terms. However, with up to half-a-dozen confirmed front runners in the field, this could be set up for a sprinter coming from off the pace. College Chapel will appreciate the fast pace, but may find five furlongs too sharp, and preference is for **Elbio**.

3.45: Philidor has been a model of consistency, and must run well after a deserved success at Goodwood. Teshami could not have been more impressive at Haydock last time, but appears to need softer ground than he will encounter here. Lost Soldier boasts useful form but gets beaten too often for my liking, and I just prefer **Dawning Street**, who won from a near-impossible position at Ascot following a long absence. He looks certain to improve.

4.15: In a minefield of a handicap sure to boost the sponsors' profits, the short-list should include the improving Moscow Sea, Arkaan, Dragons Teeth, the consistent Yildiz, and Much Sought After. However, I just prefer the Lord Huntingdon-trained **Whitechapel**, whose Ascot win has been franked by the victory of General Mouktar at Newbury last Saturday.

Richard Evans

YARMOUTH

THUNDERER

2.20 Danish Fort. 2.50 Paonic. 3.25 Amadeus Aes. 4.00 Tee Gee Jay. 4.30 Top One. 5.00 Magnetic Point.

GOING: GOOD DRAW: 6F-1M, HIGH NUMBERS BEST SIS

2.20 JOHN BECKETT MAIDEN STAKES
(£4,077: 1m 2f 21yd) (15 runners)

1 550- MELODY MOUNTAIN 337 C Brittain 4-9-1 — B Doyle (3) 15
2 6 CITTERN 19 W Hern 3-8-12 — A Clark 13
3 00 COLIN MUSET 8 J Gosden 3-8-12 — G Hind 10
4 3 DANISH FORT 19 H Cecil 3-8-12 — W Ryan 8
5 DINNER AT EIGHT C Cyzer 3-8-12 — M Wigham 2
6 42 MO-ADDAB 34 A Stewart 3-8-12 — A McGlone 7
7 086 MOULTAZIM 98 A Scott 3-8-12 — B Raymond 5
8 3-50 MUSTAKIM 71 R Armstrong 3-8-12 — R Price 14
9 0 ON THE LEDGE 10 A Stewart 3-8-12 — S Whitworth 3
10 PERFECT VINTAGE M Stoute 3-8-12 — Paul Eddery 11
11 0 REMEMBER THIS 10 C Cyzer 3-8-12 — D Biggs 1
12 00 ROLLING WATERS 14 J Toller 3-8-12 — G Duffield 4
13 0 SCORPIUS 98 M Stoute 3-8-12 — P D'Arcy 12
14 60 DANCING TRALTHEE 43 L Cumani 3-8-7 — Jo Hunnam (7) 8
15 LADY CONFESS Mrs N Macauley 3-8-7 — N Adams 9

7-4 Danish Fort, 7-2 Mo-Addab, 5-1 Cittern, 8-1 Perfect Vintage, 10-1 others.

2.50 WELLINGTON PIER MEDIAN AUCTION MAIDEN STAKES
(2-Y-O: £4,080: 6f 3yd) (3)

1 MAGNETIC REEL J Berry 9-0 — G Duffield 2
2 23 PAONIC 10 (BF) L Cumani 9-0 — C Hodgson (3) 1
3 33 AMIDST 13 M Stoute 8-9 — Paul Eddery 3

4-5 Paonic, 7-4 Amidst, 4-1 Magnetic Reel.

3.25 HOLDEN INTERNATIONAL CHALLENGE HANDICAP
(£4,235: 7f 3yd) (11)

1 04-0 LA BAMBA 23 (CD,F,G,S) G Pritchard-Gordon 7-10-0 — W Hood 6
2 6-23 DESERT CHAMP 13 A Scott 4-9-12 — B Raymond 7
3 1314 MISS GORGEOUS 15 (CD,F,G,S) W O'Gorman 3-9-9 — Emma O'Gorman (3) 10
4 0580 AMADEUS AES 8 (B,CD,F) D Morris 4-9-5 — C Hodgson (3) 2
5 2300 HOPEFUL BID 23 (B,D,F) R Hannon 4-9-4 — G Duffield 4
6 0030 DAWALIB 33 R Armstrong 3-9-3 — R Price 3
7 10 PONDICHERRY 57 (CD,G) S Woods 3-9-3 — W Woods 11
8 0500 ANNABELLE ROYALE 10 (CD,F,G) Mrs N Macauley 7-9-1 — N Adams 9
9 -000 BRAVEBOY 18 C Brittain 5-8-13 — B Doyle (3) 8
10 2343 BILL MOON 12 (D,BF,F,G) P Felden 7-8-6 — D McCabe (5) 5
11 0102 LORD ALFIE 8 (D,F) B Meehan 4-8-2 — Non-Runner 1

11-4 Desert Champ, 7-2 Miss Gorgeous, 5-1 Hopeful Bid, 11-2 Bill Moon, 7-1 others.

4.00 BUNGAY FILLIES HANDICAP
(£3,210: 6f 3yd) (13)

1 6046 WHERE'S THE DANCE 40 (V) C Brittain 3-9-11 — B Doyle (3) 12
2 1132 JOIN THE CLAN 21 (D,BF,F) Mrs N Macauley 4-9-10 — E Husband (7) 2
3 0020 KENNEDYS PRIMA 5 (B) A Scott 3-9-9 — D Harrison (3) 6
4 2425 BREAKFAST BOOGIE 27 J Fanshawe 3-9-6 — Paul Eddery 11
5 0505 MOVING IMAGE 24 (G,S) H Collingridge 3-9-0 — C Dwyer 5
6 0005 BEATLE SONG 14 (D,F,G) C Hill 5-8-13 — G Duffield 4
7 0440 BELMONT PRINCESS 9 A Jones 3-8-13 — A Clark 1
8 3000 RUBY COOPER 6 (G) P Howling 3-8-12 — D Biggs 8
9 6364 TEE GEE JAY 19 (V,D,S) C Williams 3-8-12 — B Raymond 13
10 6205 KENSWORTH LADY 8 (G) M Blanshard 3-8-10 — N Adams 9
11 0020 CUDDLY DATE 8 (V,C,G) D Thom 3-8-10 — S Eiffert (7) 3
12 6000 GUANHUMARA 21 (V) P Walwyn 3-8-2 — J Quinn 10
13 0000 CAMINO A RONDA 9 Pat Mitchell 4-7-7 — Antoinette Armes (7) 7

5-2 Join The Clan, 7-2 Where's The Dance, 5-1 Breakfast Boogie, 11-2 others.

4.30 CROMER STAKES (£3,132: 1m 3yd) (14)

1 2440 CAPTAIN MARMALADE 8 (D,G) D Thom 4-9-7 — K Rutter (5) 13
2 -533 DIACO 16 (D,F,G) M Jarvis 8-9-7 — B Raymond 1
3 0000 GENERAL JOHN 71 (D,G) P Haslam 4-9-7 — Dale Gibson 6
4 0000 LITTLE ROUSILLON 27 (D,S) W Muir 5-9-7 — A Clark 4
5 3114 SET THE FASHION 5 (V,D,BF,F,G) Lord Huntingdon 4-9-7 — D Harrison (3) 11
6 0100 TOP ONE 72 (CD,F) C Hill 8-9-7 — G Duffield 10
7 4000 DIVINE BOY 23 M Ryan 3-8-13 — D Biggs 3
8 6020 DON TOCINO 21 J Dunlop 3-8-13 — G Hind 5
9 4351 AZOLA 20 (V,D,F) D Loder 3-8-8 — M Tebbutt 7
10 3011 FORMAL AFFAIR 22 (D,F,G) C Cyzer 3-8-8 — J D Smith (7) 9
11 -004 NAHLATI 16 C Brittain 3-8-8 — B Doyle (3) 14
12 4022 SAKURA QUEEN 12 S Woods 3-8-8 — W Woods 8
13 055 TRIBAT 49 D Morris 3-8-8 — C Hodgson (3) 2
14 -004 TRUNDLEY WOOD 24 (B,C,G) G Pritchard-Gordon 3-8-8 — Paul Eddery 12

3-1 Set The Fashion, 4-1 Formal Affair, 9-2 Sakura Queen, 5-1 Diaco, 7-1 others.

5.00 MUNDESLEY MAIDEN HANDICAP
(£2,892: 1m 3f 101yd) (18)

1 066- FAIRY FREE 308 C Brittain 4-10-0 — B Doyle (3) 7
2 -403 LA MENORQUINA 10 L Cumani 3-9-8 — C Hodgson (3) 11
3 -004 MATARIS 34 P Walwyn 3-9-6 — J Quinn 15
4 -043 PLATINUM VENTURE 27 S Woods 3-9-6 — W Woods 17
5 04-2 EDIREPUS 12 Mrs M Reveley 5-9-5 — Dale Gibson 10
6 0033 RISPOTO 6 M Prescott 3-9-4 — G Duffield 12
7 -334 SWEET DISORDER 19 G Pritchard-Gordon 3-9-4 — Paul Eddery 8
8 00-3 MAGNETIC POINT 28 A Hide 4-9-3 — G Hind 13
9 -242 FATHER DAN 6 Gay Kelleway 4-9-3 — Gay Kelleway 14
10 6355 ROSE NOBLE 24 W Jarvis 3-8-1 — M Tebbutt 1
11 2206 PRETTY BABY 14 R Williams 3-9-0 — D Biggs 4
12 5046 MISTROY 27 A Stewart 3-8-13 — A Clark 2
13 062 PACIFIC POWER 12 W O'Gorman 3-8-13 — Emma O'Gorman (3) 6
14 6060 ROSE OF MEDINA 9 A Hide 3-8-11 — K Rutter (5) 9
15 /00 UTRILLO 51 (V) B Curley 4-8-10 — B Raymond 5
16 3003 BALL GOWN 9 C Lines 3-8-10 — P D'Arcy 3
17 0-05 STEPPE CLOSER 14 Lord Huntingdon 3-8-7 — D Harrison (3) 18
18 -500 ZONK 20 J Pearce 3-8-6 — N Adams 16

4-1 La Menorquina, 5-1 Mataris, 11-2 Edirepus, 7-1 Platinum Venture, 8-1 Rispoto, Sweet Disorder, 10-1 Magnetic Point, 12-1 Father Dan, 14-1 Mistroy, Steppe Closer, 16-1 Pacific Power, 20-1 others.

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS: H Cecil, 31 winners from 85 runners, 36.5%; A Stewart, 15 from 56, 26.8%; J Berry, 8 from 31, 25.8%; J Dunlop, 3 from 12, 25.0%; J Gosden, 16 from 76, 21.1%; M Stoute, 17 from 83, 20.5%.

JOCKEYS: P D'Arcy, 3 from 10, 30.0%; G Hind, 5 from 21, 23.8%; W Ryan, 21 from 113, 18.6%; W Woods, 5 from 35, 14.3%; M Tebbutt, 9 from 66, 13.6%; G Duffield, 15 from 113, 13.3%.

SALISBURY

THUNDERER

5.40 Double Shift. 6.10 Calypso Monarch. 6.40 Kirriemuir. 7.10 Blue Siren. 7.40 Bohemian Crown. 8.10 Feather Face.

GOING: GOOD TO FIRM DRAW: HIGH NUMBERS BEST SIS

5.40 WOODFORD APPRENTICE HANDICAP
(£2,489: 6f) (7 runners)

1 6425 PRINCELY FAVOUR 19 (D,S) R Hannon 3-10-0 — Wendy Jones (8) 7
2 1204 SURE LORD 12 (CD,F) W Muir 4-9-8 — S McCarthy (5) 4
3 0440 DASHING MARCH 15 M Saunders 4-9-2 — R Painter 3
4 -602 DOUBLE SHIFT 9 B Millman 4-8-8 — P Roberts 2
5 0600 WALNUT BURL 10 (V,F) L Holt 3-8-5 — Iona Wands (10) 1
6 4024 UNVEILED 7 (C,D,F,G) R Hodges 5-8-5 — D Gibbs 6
7 4300 COURTING NEWMARKET 8 (D,G) Mrs A Knight 5-7-8 — D Toole (5) 5

5-2 Double Shift, 7-2 Sure Lord, 4-1 Dashing March, 9-2 Unveiled, 6-1 Princely Favour, 10-1 Courting Newmarket.

6.10 ODSTOCK MAIDEN STAKES
(2-Y-O: £4,020: 6f) (16)

1 BODANTREE J Spearing 9-0 — V Slattery (5) 15
2 04 CALYPSO MONARCH 19 R Hannon 9-0 — Mark Denaro (7) 8
3 26 CANASKA DANCER 65 P Chapple-Hyam 9-0 — D Holland 7
4 0 CLUBS ARE TRUMPS 128 R Dickin 9-0 — Michelle Thomas (7) 3
5 CONIC HILL G Wragg 9-0 — F Norton 2
6 COUNTRY LOVER Lord Huntingdon 9-0 — J Williams 4
7 0 DESERT PRESIDENT 33 A Scott 9-0 — J Tate (5) 16
8 MONTICINO R Charlton 9-0 — S Raymont 13
9 4 ROCKETEER 61 W Muir 9-0 — Kim McDonnell (7) 6
10 SALTCORN C Elsey 9-0 — W Newnes 14
11 0 TAILCOAT 43 G Harwood 9-0 — C Rutter 9
12 AWFULLY RISKY G Lewis 8-9 — B Rouse 1
13 HOMEOFTHECLASSICS R Phillips 8-9 — S Dawson 5
14 0 LADY SILK 10 J Dunlop 8-9 — S Whitworth 10
15 LIVELY G Lewis 8-9 — B Russell (5) 12
16 RAZINAH P Walwyn 8-9 — N Carlisle 11

100-30 Razinah, 7-2 Conic Hill, 11-2 Canaska Dancer, 6-1 Calypso Monarch, 10-1 Country Lover, 12-1 Rocketeer, 14-1 Desert President, Tailcoat, Lady Silk, 16-1 Monticino, 20-1 others.

6.40 BBC WILTSHIRE SOUND CLAIMING HANDICAP
(£3,015: 6f 212yd) (20)

1 4316 OBSIDIAN GREY 5 (D,G,S) Miss L Siddall 6-10-0 — T G McLaughlin (7) 1
2 0030 CEE-EN-CEE 12 (V,D,F,G,S) Mrs M McCourt 9-9-9 — A Tucker 6
3 4250 MOGWAI 6 (V,G) R Johnson Houghton 4-9-8 — S Whitworth 5
4 3330 TWO LUMPS 41 I Balding 3-9-8 — L Dettori 19
5 0050 CONISTON LAKE 18 (B,D,F) G Moore 4-9-8 — B Rouse 12
6 0553 SUSANNA'S SECRET 12 (D,F,S) J Harris 6-9-6 — J Tate (5) 16
7 1330 CALISAR 28 (D,G,S) W G M Turner 3-9-6 — Stephen Davies (5) 4
8 1005 FIVEOFIVE 15 (BF,F) N Callaghan 3-9-6 — A Procter (5) 8
9 5684 OLD COMRADES 16 (D,F,G) L Cottrell 6-9-4 — Mark Denaro (7) 11
10 2400 JORDYWRATH 133 (B) A Reid 3-9-2 — P McCabe (7) 17
11 6805 JOKIST 6 (D,F,G,S) W Jarvis 10-9-0 — J Williams 7
12 6064 KISSAVOS 18 (D,F,G) C Elsey 7-9-0 — F Norton 14
13 0630 SEASON'S STAR 24 (V,BF) H Candy 3-9-0 — S Dawson 3
14 -60 CHICARD 24 (BF) T Naughton 4-8-12 — D Holland 10
15 /505- TEXAN CLAMOUR 381J (F,G) J Moore 5-8-12 — S Raymont 13
16 0-00 KIRRIEMUIR 6 (D,F,G) K Cunningham-Brown 5-8-12 — N Carlisle 2
17 4440 FAIR ENCHANTRESS 5 (F) Bennett 5-8-11 — Kim McDonnell (7) 18
18 0201 MEDLAND 16 (D,F) D Wilson 3-8-10 — W Newnes 20
19 003- NONANNO 374 A Chamberlain 4-8-10 — G Bardwell 15
20 0080 NAVARESQUE 16 (D,F,G) R Hodges 8-8-9 — S Drowne (7) 9

6-1 Old Comrades, 13-2 Medland, 8-1 Cee-En-Cee, Mogwai, 10-1 Two Lumps, Kissavos, Navaresque, Fair Enchantress, 12-1 Kirriemuir, Chicard, 14-1 others.

7.10 NIGHTFALL CONDITIONS STAKES
(2-Y-O: £3,655: 5f) (6)

1 1360 HIGH DOMAIN 33 (CD,G,S) M McCormack 9-6 — W Carson 4
2 0152 ROXANIAN 12 (D,F) M Heaton-Ellis 9-4 — D Holland 3
3 3361 BASKERVILLE 50 (D,F) R Johnson Houghton 9-0 — J Williams 5
4 0261 DOLLAR GAMBLE 8 (D,F) R Hannon 8-10 — Mark Denaro (7) 2
5 21 BLUE SIREN 14 (D,S) I Balding 8-9 — L Dettori 1
6 5310 CYARNA QUINN 8 (D,S) M Channon 8-9 — C Rutter 6

6-4 Blue Siren, 7-2 Dollar Gamble, 11-2 Roxanian, Baskerville, 8-1 High Domain, 12-1 Cyarna Quinn.

7.40 NETHERAVON MAIDEN STAKES
(£3,494: 1m 6f) (10)

1 0/0 SIANSKI 12 N Graham 4-9-2 — J Williams 1
2 0000 BAYFAN 7 (B) J Moore 3-8-9 — Mark Denaro (7) 10
3 3222 BOHEMIAN CROWN 50 M Stoute 3-8-9 — D Holland 8
4 3426 COLLIER BAY 12 J Gosden 3-8-9 — L Dettori 7
5 -023 CYRUS THE BOLD 38 B Hills 3-8-9 — J Reid 2
6 033 QUILLON 12 (BF) H Cecil 3-8-9 — A McGlone 3
7 0 ROYAL MANOEVRE 10 P Chapple-Hyam 3-8-9 — W Newnes 4
8 00 AWAY GIRL 19 T Naughton 3-8-4 — B Rouse 9
9 0 DAJAM 19 J King 3-8-4 — Stephens Davis (5) 6
10 32 PAT OR ELSE 57 R Williams 3-8-4 — W Carson 5

2-1 Bohemian Crown, 5-2 Quillon, 7-2 Collier Bay, 5-1 Cyrus The Bold, 7-1 Pat Or Else, 12-1 Royal Manoevre, 20-1 Away Girl, 33-1 others.

8.10 NETTON HANDICAP (£4,175: 6f 212yd) (17)

1 0204 BLUE TOPAZE 14 (C,F,G,S) M Saunders 5-9-10 — M Wigham 4
2 4434 MY BEST VALENTINE 18 (D,F,G) P Harris 3-9-9 — F Norton 5
3 6300 YOURS BY RIGHT 12 (V,F,G,S) W G M Turner 3-9-9 — Stephen Davies (5) 16
4 1565 FEATHER FACE 15 (D,G) C James 3-9-7 — W Newnes 3
5 0302 TROOPING 8 (B,F) G Harwood 4-9-5 — W Carson 10
6 4412 CHARMED KNAVE 12 (CD,F,G) D Laing 8-9-4 — T Williams 17
7 5061 CITY ROCKET 20 (D,F) P Makin 3-9-4 — D Holland 6
8 0051 GRAND VITESSE 19 (D,F,S) R Hannon 4-9-4 — D Gibbs (7) 8
9 0000 TOP PET 29 (C,F) R Akehurst 3-9-2 — L Carter (7) 15
10 3003 FRIENDLY BRAVE 40 T Mills 3-9-2 — L Dettori 11
11 5054 SURREY RACING 8 (D,F,G) G Moore 5-8-10 — B Rouse 7
12 4001 COURT MINSTREL 8 (CD,F) L Holt 4-8-9 (6ex) — J Reid 12
13 3000 HALLORINA 21 (F,G) W Wightman 3-8-6 — G Bardwell 13
14 0140 SINGERS IMAGE 24 (C,F,G) G Balding 4-8-4 — J Williams 2
15 0310 SIR OLIVER 8 (G) R Hodges 4-8-2 — A McGlone 9
16 0-00 RAINBOW FLEET 12 (F) D Marks 5-8-1 — S Dawson 14
17 0102 LORD ALFIE 8 (D,F) B Meehan 4-7-10 — N Carlisle 1

9-2 City Rocket, 11-2 Friendly Brave, 6-1 Grand Vitesse, 13-2 Court Minstrel, 8-1 Trooping, Charmed Knave, 10-1 Surrey Racing, 12-1 Blue Topaze, 14-1 My Best Valentine, Sir Oliver, 16-1 Lord Alfie, 20-1 others.

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS: J Gosden, 8 winners from 26 runners, 30.8%; G Harwood, 27 from 90, 30.0%; H Cecil, 5 from 17, 29.4%; M Stoute, 6 from 22, 27.3%; A Scott, 4 from 15, 26.7%; R Charlton, 8 from 46, 17.4%.

JOCKEYS: W Carson, 21 wins from 147 rides, 14.3%; J Reid, 20 from 149, 13.4%; L Dettori, 11 from 84, 13.1%; F Norton, 3 from 27, 11.1%; only qualifiers.

Blinkered first time

AYR: 3.50 Saoirse. SALISBURY: 5.40 Walnut Burl. 7.40 Bayfan. 8.10 Yours By Right, Trooping. YARMOUTH: 4.00 Where's The Dance, Kennedy's Prima, Cuddly Date. 4.30 Trundley Wood. 5.00 Utrillo.

YESTERDAY'S RESULTS

York

Going: good, good to soft in places

2.05 (6f) 1, CIRCLE OF FRIENDS (J Reid, 9-2 jt-fav); 2, Million Lights (L Dettori, 6-1); 3, Jimmy The Skunk (J Carroll, 9-2 jt-fav). ALSO RAN: 15-2 Claret Bumble, 10 Turtle Rock (6th), Simaat, Allegsnobrain, 12 Patrice, 14 Elevator Shaft (5th), 16 Monkey's Wedding (4th), Steady Risk, 20 Bojolly, Rickie Things, 33 Britannia Mills, Glenuge, Fussy Sioux, Bescaby Girl, Bex Boy, Featherstone Lane, Cragough, Prince Skyburd, Metabunglay, Sonic. 23 ran. 1½l, hd, hd, 3l, nk. R Hannon at Marlborough. Tote: £5.20; £2.00, £2.70, £1.90. DF: £15.90. Trio £27.50. CSF: £33.07.

2.35 (1m 3f 195yd) 1, ONLY ROYALE (R Cochrane, 10-1); 2, Dancing Bloom (W R Swinburn, 14-1); 3, User Friendly (G Duffield, 7-4). ALSO RAN: 13-8 fav Rainbow Lake, 15-2 Oakmead (5th), 14 Thawakib (6th), 16 Spring (4th), 50 Premiata. 8 ran. NR: Royal Ballerina. 3½l, ¾l, ½l, 3½l, 8l. L Cumani at Newmarket. Tote: £12.70; £2.10, £2.10, £1.20. DF: £52.00. Trio £48.30. CSF: £113.30.

3.10 (1m 5f 194yd) 1, SARAWAT (T Quinn, 14-1); 2, Oh So Risky (Pat Eddery, 12-1); 3, Dreams End (L Piggott, 16-1); 4, Key To My Heart (K Fallon, 14-1). ALSO RAN: 5-1 fav Spin Doctor, 7 Brandon Prince, 11 Glide Path, 12 Pistol River, Quick Ransom, Turgenev, 16 Castoret (5th), Saint Keyne, 18 Million In Mind (6th), 20 Lindon Lime, 25 Opera Ghost, 33 Castle Courageous, Night Clubbing, 40 Riszard, Encore Une Fois, 50 Durshan, Bolcardo. 21 ran. NR: Highflying. 2½l, ¾l, hd, 7l, 1½l. R Akehurst at Epsom. Tote: £33.80; £6.10, £1.90, £3.30, £3.00. DF: £175.20. Trio: £3,360.10. CSF: £157.08. Tricast: £2,466.83.

3.45 (6f) 1, TURTLE ISLAND (J Reid, 5-2); 2, Unblest (G Duffield, 4-1); 3, Torch Rouge (D Holland, 10-1). ALSO RAN: 15-8 fav Mister Baileys (6th), 11-2 Fast Eddy (5th), 28 Prince Azzaan, 40 Takadou, 50 Alanees (4th). 8 ran. Hd, 2½l, 3l, nk, ½l. P Chapple-Hyam at Manton. Tote: £3.40; £1.50, £1.50, £1.90. DF: £7.20. CSF: £12.33.

4.15 (6f) 1, BID FOR BLUE (W R Swinburn, 11-1); 2, Gold Land (A Munro, 7-4); 3, Moscow Road (K Darley, 7-1). ALSO RAN: 6-4 fav Electrify (4th), 10 Il Caravaggio (5th), 66 Storm Regent (6th). 6 ran. Hd, 4l, 3½l, ¾l, 8l. R Hannon at Marlborough. Tote: £10.70; £2.40, £1.40. DF: £11.40. Trio: £25.70. CSF: £28.02.

4.45 (1m 2f 85yd) 1, STONEY VALLEY (J Reid, 9-1); 2, Alderbrook (Paul Eddery, 7-1); 3, Cumbrian Challenge (M Birch, 12-1). ALSO RAN: 9-2 fav Gone For A Burton, 6 Mecklenburg, Midnight Heights, 9 Salatin (4th), 10 Mizaaya (6th), 12 Silver Samurai, Efharisto, 16 Mr Confusion (5th), Caspian Tern, 25 Bold Pursuit. 13 ran. ¾l, nk, sh hd, 2½l, 7l. P Chapple-Hyam at Manton. Tote: £13.10; £3.40, £2.90, £3.70. DF: £91.20. CSF: £88.55. Tricast: £706.88.

5.15 (5f) 1, IN CASE (Pat Eddery, 8-1); 2, Call Me I'm Blue (L Piggott, 7-1); 3, Garnock Valley (A Munro, 12-1). ALSO RAN: 5-2 fav Stepanov, 7 Loch Patrick, 8 Trapezium (5th), 10 Mistertopogigo (4th), 11 Another Jade, Jobie, Sabre Rattler, 16 Saint Express, 20 Manor Adventure (6th), 25 Elle Shaped, Plum First, 33 Hotaria. 15 ran. Nk, nk, nk, nk, sh hd. R Charlton at Beckhampton. Tote: £10.60; £3.30, £1.60, £4.60. DF: £36.80. Trio: £483.40. CSF: £64.49. Tricast: £636.25. 1min 0.24sec.

Jackpot not won (pool of £21,650.00 carried forward to York today).
Placepot: £592.70.

Yarmouth

Going: good

2.20 (5f 43yd) 1, RESONANT (M Hills, 8-13 fav); 2, Misis (B Doyle, 15-2); 3, Lucy's Gold (D Biggs, 12-1). ALSO RAN: 6 Candi Das (6th), 12 Nosmo King (4th), 25 Swift Nick Nevison (5th). 6 ran. 4l, ¾l, 5l, 7l, 3½l. M Prescott at Newmarket. Tote: £1.50; £1.20, £2.10. DF: £3.40. CSF: £5.12.

2.50 (6f 3yd) 1, STORM CANYON (B Raymond, 4-5 fav); 2, Fylde Flyer (J Fortune, 5-1); 3, Night Melody (M Hills, 5-1). ALSO RAN: 13-2 Lord Oliver (6th), 16 Rock Symphony (4th), Press Gallery (5th). 6 ran. 2l, ¾l, sh hd, 3½l, 1½l. J Gosden at Newmarket. Tote: £1.40; £1.20, £1.70. DF: £4.30. CSF: £5.25.

3.25 (6f 3yd) 1, ONE ON ONE (M Hills, 4-6 fav); 2, Nakita (G Forster, 12-1); 3, Prima Silk (D Biggs, 10-1). ALSO RAN: 13-2 Persian Heritage (4th), 7 Monkey Music (6th), 8 Nera, 33 Golden Grand (5th), Woods Venture. 8 ran. 6l, nk, sh hd, hd, 3l. W Haggas at Newmarket. Tote: £1.40; £1.10, £4.60, £1.70. DF: £21.80. CSF: £9.81. Tricast: £43.73.

4.00 (7f 3yd) 1, ADAMPARIS (P Robinson, 13-2); 2, Red Cotton (P D'Arcy, 7-2 fav); 3, Kinnegad Kid (N Gwilliams, 8-1). ALSO RAN: 11-2 Ocara (5th), 6 Ballerina Bay, 7 Astern, 8 Royal Comedian (6th), 11 Spring High (4th), 33 Little Osborne. 9 ran. Sh hd, 1l, sh hd, ¾l, ½l. G Pritchard-Gordon at Newmarket. Tote: £7.40; £2.70, £1.30, £3.10. DF: £10.60. CSF: £26.48. Tricast: £160.21.

4.30 (1m 6f 17yd) 1, MYSTERIOUS MAID (Mrs L Pearce, 7-1); 2, Scenic Dancer (Miss L Hide, 5-1); 3, Almosa (Mrs J Naughton, 6-1). ALSO RAN: 4-1 fav Lookingforarainbow (5th), 9-2 Cathos (6th), 6 The Karaoke King (4th), 12 Turfmans Vision, 14 Precussion, 25 Hydropic (pulled up), 33 Miss Ribbons. 10 ran. 4l, 1½l, 6l, nk, 1l. J Pearce at Newmarket. Tote: £9.10; £2.70, £2.10, £1.90. DF: £24.60. CSF: £38.79. Tricast: £202.65.

5.00 (1m 2f 21yd) 1, PEARLY MIST (B Doyle, 12-1); 2, Misty Silks (D Biggs, 6-1); 3, Seama (C Nutter, 6-1). ALSO RAN: 5-2 fav Bay Queen (6th), 11-2 Funny Hilarious (4th), 8 Dreams Are Free, 10 Petonellajill (5th), For To The Wind, 14 Miss Kinabalu. 9 ran. 5l, ¾l, nk, 10l, 1½l. C Brittain at Newmarket. Tote: £15.40; £3.20, £2.30, £1.80. DF: £33.70. Trio: £21.10. CSF: £74.45. Tricast: £433.23.

Placepot: £20.80.

Carlisle

Going: good to firm

2.10 (1m 4f) 1, Famous Beauty (L Aspell, 11-1); 2, Le Temeraire (2-1); 3, Yeveed (15-8 fav). 8 ran. 2½l, 1½l. R Hollinshead. Tote: £7.80; £1.30, £1.10, £1.30. DF: £6.90. CSF: £31.47.

2.45 (7f 214yd) 1, Jehangir (O Pears, 7-1); 2, Cool Enough (9-2 fav); 3, Marowins (6-1). 13 ran. NR: Garth. Nk, ¾l. B Hanbury. Tote: £6.50; £2.40, £2.80, £2.40. DF: £13.30. CSF: £36.10. Tricast: £184.53.

3.20 (6f 206yd) 1, Affordable (O Pears, 5-1); 2, Rock Opera (14-1); 3, Norling (12-1). Vanart 3-1 fav. 11 ran. Nk, 1l. S Norton. Tote: £9.80; £2.70, £3.60, £4.00. DF: £95.70. CSF: £65.81. Tricast: £732.55.

3.55 (5f) 1, Pallium (A Culhane, 12-1); 2, Followmegirls (8-1); 3, Singing Star (8-1); 4, Jade City (12-1). Here Comes A Star 4-1 jt-fav. 16 ran. 1½l, nk. M Naughton. Tote: £11.40; £2.60, £2.50, £2.00, £4.80. DF: £35.80. Trio: £116.60. CSF: £109.21. Tricast: £763.80.

4.25 (5f) 1, Palacegate Jack (O Pears, 10-11 fav); 2, General Gubbins (3-1); 3, Pastures New (14-1). 9 ran. 1l, 3½l. J Berry. Tote: £1.60; £1.10, £1.10, £2.90. DF: £1.60. CSF: £4.04.

4.55 (1m 6f 32yd) 1, Scalp 'Em (L Charnock, 7-1); 2, Arc Bright (16-1); 3, Fairways On Target (7-1). Intrepid Lass 2-1 fav. 13 ran. Hd, 4l. P Evans. Tote: £9.90; £2.70, £2.50, £3.20. DF: £52.70. CSF: £106.68. Tricast: £755.64.

Placepot: £265.80.

McKeown given £500 fine

DEAN McKeown was fined £500 and banned from riding for two days at a Jockey Club disciplinary hearing in London yesterday. The jockey, who leaves for Hong Kong tomorrow, was penalised for committing his third whip offence since new guidelines were introduced last month.

The stewards fined McKeown as a lengthy ban would have been ineffective, given that the Hong Kong season does not begin until late next month. The two-day suspension, which begins today, covers the time he remains in Britain.

McKeown travelled north to York after the enquiry but was unplaced on two fancied mounts, Mister Baileys in the Gimcrack Stakes and Quick Ransom in the Tote Ebor Handicap.

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Dealing with disharmony in bridge's mind games

Despite the help of a sports psychologist, the British women's team did not qualify for the world championships. Albert Dormer reports

As the world team championships get under way in Chile next week, the British Bridge League (BBL) will be at home, wondering why its women's squad, one of the world's strongest, has failed to gain a place.

Four European teams have reached the event in Santiago. They are Sweden, Italy, France and Germany. But all four had been left trailing when Britain took the silver medal behind the United States at the World Olympiad last year, and all but Sweden were beaten again when Britain went on to win the Common Market championship.

The Britain team includes three of the leading seven women grandmasters in the world and its record is solid. The BBL inquest is therefore likely to focus not on technical ability but on the preparation of the team and its management.

Three years ago, the BBL appointed a sports psychologist, Jane Townsend, to help prepare both the open and women's teams. It was an intelligent move. But Townsend's remit is not concerned with psychology in bidding and play, even though bridge is a strongly psychological game. Her concern is team-building and harmony.

Michelle Handley, a Londoner, is the newest member of the squad: her rise was meteoric after she was taught bridge by her husband, Ian. She is upbeat about Townsend's role. (There are sceptics — but they are not on the women's team.) "Jane has made it easier for us to discuss the small personal quirks and mannerisms that can grate on partners who are too polite to mention them," she said.

"To give just one example, I never knew that my habit of arriving at the table only minutes before the match started upset Sandra [Landy] so much." Landy, a lecturer at Brighton University, is the top woman in the World Bridge Federation (WBF) rankings, and worth not upsetting.

But Townsend diagnoses a more fundamental source of conflict than idiosyncrasy. It is inherent in bridge — and in no other game. Each player is part of an intimate mental partnership as well as a member of a team.

Frequently, when a mistake is made, only the partners themselves know which of the two is at fault. So, in team discussions, should an error be revealed — and let the chips fall where they may — or, out of loyalty to one's partner, should they be concealed?

Townsend's approach is to give priority to team loyalty by using the established team-building techniques that have worked for her when she has been consulted by business organisations and sports bodies. These extend to physical activities such as Outward Bound weekends, which help to develop trust.

In all sports, competitors search for "psychic energisers" — gimmicks that hype them up. The British women are more ready to use them than the open team, even though men may be more in need of them.

At the World Olympiad last year, the British women uninhibitedly sang the Chelsea Football Club song, "Blue is the Colour", before each match — and felt that it gave them a lift. For Nicola Smith, an anchor player, this represented a particular self-sacrifice. She runs a bridge school in Chelsea, but is a fervent Queens Park Rangers supporter.

This year, the team, slightly rearranged, sang less often and in less harmony. It is unforthcoming about the reasons. The new women's champions, Sweden, also put their trust in music and chanted their own ritualistic song before each match, based on the same idea as the All Blacks' haka, intimidating the enemy while encouraging one's own side. In the United States, players go further and indulge in psychodrama, either to get the adrenalin flowing or to act out troublesome emotions that are being suppressed. This often has the bonus of unsettling opponents.

To combat such disruptive behaviour, Bill Schoder, the WBF chief tournament director, suggests, only half-jokingly, that screaming rooms should be provided for the competitors. "The players need to let off steam where they won't disturb everyone else," he said.

Townsend was amused to hear this, but not dismissive. "Anger-management is important," she said. "To release frustration and tension after a set of boards can be beneficial for some players, but it is vital not to direct it at others. Our team has been working on this."

Against this background, a key figure in maintaining team morale is the non-playing captain, a post requiring intellectual toughness as well as bridge expertise. The most important task is to decide which two of the three pairs to put in to play at any given time, a decision that will disappoint the benched pair. David Burn, the captain of the women's team this year, had previously served successfully as coach. His report on the team's failure by a narrow margin will be an important document.

Captaincy of the British women's team is not a post that has enjoyed security of tenure. Peter (now Sir Peter, the seventeenth Baronet) Swinnerton-Dyer, a recent captain, said: "I resemble a prehistoric king in a matriarchal society, given power and respect for a year and then ceremonially slaughtered to fertilise the crops." He left bridge for academe and rose to become chairman of the University Grants Committee.

Success in bridge hangs by a thread. It is possible that had the BBL been able to afford Townsend's presence throughout the European zonal competition, instead of for only four of the nine days, the team would now be en route to Santiago with high hopes of retrieving the Venice Cup that they have won twice times, most recently in 1985. "Jane had a net positive effect while she was there," Burn said.

The BBL showed vision when it engaged a sports psychologist. It might do the game still greater service if the area of psychological enquiry was extended to examine why membership of the four national bridge leagues lags so far behind other west European countries.



Positive view: Michelle Handley, a member of the British team, believes psychologists have a role to play. Photograph: Tony White

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Woosnam weary of Cup talk

BY MEL WEBB

FOR two of the PGA European Tour's best players, the importance of the Murphy's English Open, which starts at the Forest of Arden today, extends far beyond the mere winning and losing. It can be summed up in two words — Ryder Cup.

Ian Woosnam, who wants to play in it, said yesterday he was sick of talking about it. Sandy Lyle, who also wants to play, was prepared to talk about it, but was more anxious to talk about others than himself.

Woosnam is tenth on the Cup list, £7,550 behind José Maria Olazábal, who occupies the ninth and last automatic place and is not playing before Bernard Gallacher, the Europe captain, announces his three wild-card selections on August 30.

"My main aim this week is to make the team," he said. "I want to get in so that Bernard has the freedom to pick who he wants in the team.

"I've never had to be picked for the team before, and I don't want to start now. I've played the schedule I wanted to play, and if I had managed to putt a bit better there would have been no problem.

"To be perfectly honest I'm sick of talking about the Ryder Cup. Too much fuss is made of it all the time. It's great to play in it, and I've had a lot of good battles in my time. I still want to play, and if it will help Bernard out, I will play in the German Open next week."

Lyle, in relaxed mood, said that he, too, is to play in Germany. "I might as well have a go at the last hurdle," he said. "I'm still keen to play."

The big Scotsman was quizzed on Europe's other two troubled star names, Olazábal and Severiano Ballesteros.

"I played with Ollie in the first two rounds of the US PGA last week, and I could see he was not happy with his game," he said. "He has no safe shot at the moment. He doesn't know which part of the fairway to try and hit. I think Seve's problems are different. He's lost confidence in himself and his game. I think he needs to see a psychologist to seek inner strength and keep him in a calm mode."

Finally, Lyle was drawn into talking about himself. If he were Gallacher, he was asked, would he pick Sandy Lyle for his team? "Yes, I would," came the unequivocal reply. Enough said.

Another of Europe's Ryder Cup men was in the wars. Sam Torrance, a noted sleepwalker, fell victim to his affliction on Tuesday night and awoke to find he had demolished a large plant-pot in the corner of his hotel room. Torrance was taken to hospital with severe chest pains, and it was discovered that he had bruised his chest-bone and muscles in his chest.

Torrance was unable to play in the pro-am yesterday, but he and his caddie surveyed the course in a buggy. Torrance, who is due to start at just after 1pm today, will decide this morning if he is fit to play.

The Forest of Arden course, which has had £1 million invested in it, is in magnificent condition. Peter Baker, a double winner, said that the fairways were the best he had played on in Britain this year. Let battle commence.

STANDINGS

Leading European positions (GB and Ireland unless stated) 1, N Faldo, 513,022.50pts; 2, C Montgomerie, 451,988.08; 3, B Langer (Ger), 412,108.98; 4, B Lane, 365,722.75; 5, M James, 339,805.08; 6, S Torrance, 326,929.20; 7, C Rocca (It), 304,587.25; 8, P Baker, 299,279.17; 9, J-M Olazábal (Sp), 282,488.14; 10, I Woosnam, 274,938.12; 11, A Forsbrand (Swe), 261,223.26; 12, J Haeggman (Swe), 256,576.76; 13, P Broadhurst, 254,534.34; 14, M Roe, 254,105.78; 15, R Rafferty, 248,875.99; 16, S Richardson, 244,313.74; 17, J Spence, 242,548.31; 18, G Brand Jr, 230,143.83; 19, D Gilford, 218,018.57; 20, J Parvenk (Swe), 216,482.65.

Americans provide support for Open

FROM PATRICIA DAVIES IN HANINGE, SWEDEN

WOMEN'S golf in Europe received an important boost on the eve of the IBM Open here yesterday when it was announced that the Weetabix Women's British Open would have the official sanction of the United States LPGA (Ladies Professional Golf Association) tour from next year.

The announcement represents the culmination of years of lobbying, pleading and brow-beating by officials, sponsors, players (both European and American) and the press.

It also represents a recognition by the previously parochial Americans that good golf now extends far beyond the boundaries of the United States.

Until now, the US LPGA would release only four of its players to play in the Open — last year, for example, Pam Wright, a Scot, but not an international member of the American tour — had to pay a fine of $10,000 (about £6,500) when she decided to play at Woburn. Next year, she and anybody else who wishes will be free to compete, at a venue that has yet to be decided, from August 11 to 14.

Charlie Mecham, the LPGA commissioner, said: "We feel that adding this tournament to our schedule will go a long way towards enhancing the event's reputation as a forum for international women's golf."

Richard George, the chairman of Weetabix, was delighted. "This is wonderful news," he said. "Now we will have the chance to see a truly open championship." His company has raised the prize-money from £300,000 to £335,000.

The decision was undoubtedly influenced by the individual and Solheim Cup winning exploits of Laura Davies, Liselotte Neumann, Helen Alfredsson, Trish Johnson, Alison Nicholas, Dale Reid, Catrin Nilsmark and Kitrina Douglas, all of whom are playing in Sweden this week.

So is Karen Lunn, the new Weetabix Women's British Open champion. She was meant to be playing in America but, to her surprise, was granted a release. Now she knows why.

SPORTS LETTERS

State school funding can boost English cricket

From Mr John Sturt

Sir, I fear that we must steel ourselves for 20 years of English cricket in the wilderness — more perhaps, unless we can spend more money on state schools.

The inescapable key to our current failure lies with bowling, and in particular with the quicker seam bowlers. In the days of Gentlemen v Players, one would not have had to make this point, but over the past half-century how many fast bowlers of the top flight learned their cricket in the public schools? One, perhaps two? The overwhelming majority of good fast bowlers came from the ranks of big, aggressive, working-class boys.

They learned their cricket in comprehensive or, before that, secondary modern schools. Until the late 1970s, all was well, then the inexorable squeeze came on the finances of state education and bites ever harder, even today.

By the mid-Eighties most Saturday and many evening matches had fallen victim to the needs of pupils to have jobs so as to hold their heads up in a materialistic society, and the standard of state school cricket was plunging.

The cradles of our quick bowling now scarcely exist, many of our state schools play little or no cricket at all, and they cannot unless more money is found to care for their grounds. Ten years after that happens, we will start, at least occasionally, to beat the Australians again.

Yours faithfully,
JOHN STURT,
Scanes Park, Druid,
Ashburton, Devon.

From Mr Andrew Walden

Sir, I wholeheartedly agree with Mr Miles Hudson (*Sports Letters, August 12*) in believing that the current low standard of the English cricket team is due to too large a pool of county cricketers.

I would, however, suggest an alternative solution to abandoning the county format for a regional one.

If the county championship were divided into two divisions, an intermediate level would be created with the county structure still in place. This would also give counties who can currently be out of all competitions halfway through the season a target to aim for throughout the summer.

Yours faithfully,
ANDREW WALDEN,
6 Denbigh Road,
Langlands, Northampton.

From Mr M. G. Pettit

Sir, Even Graham Gooch is unable to fend off Shane Warne's right-angled spin out of bowlers' footmarks. As the laws do not require a stroke to be played by right-handers to such deliveries, and the preferred method of kicking the ball away is clearly inadequate, our batsmen could take matters to their logical extreme and throw themselves upon such deliveries, as if the ball were a hand grenade. This would have the dual role of protecting their wicket and demonstrating something resembling an heroic act for the first time in this depressing Test series.

Yours faithfully,
MIKE PETTIT,
19 Vale Close,
Harpenden, Hertfordshire.

Players must keep away

From Mr Denis Wildridge

Sir, As a rugby union referee assessor at club level I was interested in the report on the match between the South Africans and Australian Capital Territory (August 5), in particular the comment: "Guys running in from 20 or 30 metres away to belt people is pretty cowardly".

My advice to referees is that if the fracas is over before the player gets there, he should be warned, and if he gets there and "belts" someone, he should be told to leave the field of play. I do this on the grounds that the laws of the game give the referee enough clout to deal with the situation and he does not need help from other players using their fists. This only exacerbates the situation.

Why cannot similar advice be given by national unions to top referees?

Foul play became so bad at international level that unions issued a directive that, if necessary, offending players must be sent off the field. This cut down the incidence of foul play dramatically. If such a directive were issued concerning the above players, I am convinced a similar result would follow.

Yours faithfully,
DENIS WILDRIDGE,
21 Ellerbeck Lane,
Workington,
Cumbria.

Neutral venues

From Mr Brian Mason

Sir, Meaning no disrespect for other small, homely and often picturesque county grounds like Taunton, where I witnessed the semi-final of the NatWest Trophy between Somerset and Warwickshire, I was struck by the fact that so many supporters — both locally to Taunton and Somerset and further afield from Birmingham, Coventry and Warwickshire — were unable to obtain tickets because of the limits imposed by the size of the ground.

Would it not be better for the semi-finals of both the Benson and Hedges and NatWest competitions if they were played on neutral grounds, obviously Test grounds are indicated here, which have not only the benefits attaching to their impartiality but also the advantage that they could accommodate virtually all who wish to support their county.

It would be better still if both semi-finals were played at Lord's, as was the recent case in the FA Cup, when Wembley was used.

Yours sincerely,
BRIAN MASON,
Meadowside,
17 Palmes Close,
Naburn, York.

Golfing options

From Mr P. N. Crowther

Sir, The problem caused for top European golfers by the incompatible options of the US PGA Championship and the Austrian Open, with its lure of a Ryder Cup place, could have been easily solved.

The dollars won by any European competitor in the US PGA Championship could have been added to the total amount of sterling earned in Europe, for Ryder Cup purposes. This would have removed part of the threat presented by the points on offer to the players in the Austrian Open last week.

Alternatively, the Ryder Cup points awarded for Austrian Open performances could have been halved, to take account of the relatively weak field for the time of year. That would have encouraged European players to accept invitations proffered by the USPGA.

Such acceptances may, in time, lead to yet more European players earning invitations to both Augusta and the US Open Championship. These are desirable, especially given the repeated complaints about the paucity of invitations to recent US Masters.

Yours faithfully,
PETER CROWTHER,
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The Downs, SW20.

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WORD WATCHING

Answers from page 44

STOGGIE
(a) Rough, coarse, strongly made. Jamieson, 1995: "Rough in a general sense ... as applied to cloth it denotes that it is both coarse and rough."

YEGG
(b) A burglar or safe-breaker [possibly eponymous: because it is said to be the surname of a certain American burglar or safe-breaker], *New York Evening Post*, 1903: "The prompt breaking up of the organised gangs of professional beggars and yeggs."

KLIPSPRINGER
(c) A small South African antelope. It obtained its name from its running with the greatest velocity, and making large bounds even on the steepest precipices.

HEGUMEN
(c) Chief of an abbey, viz. an abbot. In the Greek Orthodox Church: The head of any religious community; specifically the head of a monastery of the second class, corresponding to the abbot of a second-class convent; also the second person in authority in a large monastery, corresponding to a prior in the West.

SOLUTION TO WINNING CHESS MOVE

1 Rxd7! And if 1...Rxd7 2 Bd1 mate. If Black doesn't capture the rook, the various threats are unanswerable.

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THUNDERER
2.10 Soba Up. 2.45 Craigie Boy. 3.15 No Mean City. 3.50 Saoirse. 4.20 En Cachette. 4.50 Brackenthwaite.

GOING: GOOD DRAW: 5F-6F, LOW NUMBERS BEST SIS

2.10 BURNS MEDIAN AUCTION MAIDEN STAKES
(3-Y-O: £2,739: 7f) (7 runners)

1 4322 PERSIAN CHARMER 61 (BF) Miss L Perratt 9-0 — J Fanning 2
2 -030 PISTON 15 B Hanbury 8-9 — D Pears (3) 6
3 033 AQUILETTA 12 C Booth 8-9 — K Fallon 5
4 4552 LAMSONETTI 3 R Whitaker 8-9 — Alex Greaves 7
5 MISS CHARLIE A Bailey 8-9 — A Mackay 3
6 SABERAGE F Lee 8-9 — S Parks 1
7 45 SOBA UP 13 J Etherington 8-9 — J Lowe 4

13-8 Aquiletta, 9-4 Persian Charmer, 11-2 Piston, 6-1 Soba Up, 6-1 others.

2.45 GOUKSCROFT APPRENTICE HANDICAP
(2,595: 7f) (7)

1 0330 SUPER BENZ 28 (D,F,G,S) B Beasley 7-10-0 — L Aspell (5) 4
2 0009 LANGUEDOC 5 (G,S) M Ward 6-9-12 — D Thomas (5) 3
3 3144 CRESELLY 20 (CD,F,G,S) R Allan 6-9-11 — J Jardine (7) 6
4 0061 CRAIGIE BOY 3 (G) N Tycroll 3-8-11 (5ex) — C Teague (5) 7
5 3155 GOLD DESIRE 27 (C,S) M Britain 3-8-5 — T Grantham (7) 1
6 0004 THISOMESPORALICE 6 A Harrison 5-8-2 — J Dennis (5) 5
7 -560 QUESSONG 28 F Lee 3-7-8 — 2

5-2 Craigie Boy, 3-1 Languedoc, 9-2 Creselly, 6-1 Super Benz, 8-1 others.

3.15 WILLIAMS DE BROE NURSERY HANDICAP
(2-Y-O: £2,845: 5f) (8)

1 010 MISTER PISTE 40 (D,G) Miss L Perratt 9-7 — J Fanning 5
2 415 SADDAM THE LOG 107 (D,S) A Bailey 9-5 — A Mackay 7
3 3542 NO MEAN CITY 31 A Bailey 9-1 — D Wright (5) 1
4 0302 SPRING STAR 12 Mrs V Aconley 8-11 — D Pears (3) 2
5 250 ARTA 54 R Whitaker 8-7 — A Culhane 4
6 4330 CHEEKY CHAPPY 13 D Chapman 8-6 — Alex Greaves 8
7 2502 LUCIUS LOCKET 7 J Berry 8-1 — L Charnock 6
8 3040 GREY TOPPA 13 Denys Smith 7-10 — C Teague (7) 3

11-8 Lucius Locket, 9-2 No Mean City, 7-1 Spring Star, 10-1 Cheeky Chappy, Grey Toppa, 12-1 Arta, 14-1 Mister Piste, 16-1 Saddam the Log.

3.50 DUMFRIES SELLING STAKES
(£2,377: 1m 7f) (6)

1 0502 BERGMAN STREET 602 (F) Mrs M Reveley 7-9-10 J Fanning 6
2 5803 REACH FOR GLORY 7 (F) R Whitaker 4-8-10 — A Culhane 4
3 2124 REEL OF TULLOCH 20 (CD,F,G) P Haslam 4-9-10 — J Marshall (5) 2
4 -403 SAOIRSE 33 (V) D Moffatt 5-8-9 — K Fallon 5
5 035 MYWYOSS 22 J Berry 3-8-6 — L Charnock 3
6 3532 RAVENSPUR 7 J Parkes 3-8-6 — D Wright (5) 1

7-4 Saoirse, 100-30 Reel Of Tulloch, 9-2 Ravenspur, 6-1 Reach For Glory, 8-1 Mywyoss, 12-1 Bergman Street.

4.20 EBF KIRKOSWALD MAIDEN STAKES
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1 5 ALACRITY 80 W Jarvis 8-11 — M Fenton (3) 8
2 3 CAPORIATA 12 J Berry 8-11 — J Lowe 2
3 44 EN CACHETTE 22 P Chapple-Hyam 8-11 — K Fallon 1
4 6 GRANGE DANCER 42 D Moffatt 8-11 — L Charnock 4
5 44 LEADING PRINCESS 52 Miss L Perratt 8-11 — J Fanning 6
6 0 PETITE MARINE 75 F Lee 8-11 — S Parks 3
7 STRANGERSARDANGERS A Bailey 8-11 — D Wright (5) 5
8 5 VANESSA ROSE 48 A Bailey 8-11 — A Mackay 7

1-2 En Cachette, 9-2 Caporiata, 11-2 Alacrity, 10-1 Leading Princess, Vanessa Rose, 16-1 Petite Marine, 25-1 others.

4.50 BELMONT HANDICAP (£3,290: 1m 2f) (8)

1 1251 IMPERIAL BID 17 (D,F,G) Denys Smith 5-9-12 — K Fallon 7
2 3120 MANILA BAY 12 (D,F) M Bell 3-9-9 — M Fenton (3) 4
3 4003 AMERICAN HERO 58 (F) R Allan 5-8-9 — J Fanning 8
4 4652 PRINCIPAL PLAYER 12 (C,S) P Monteith 3-8-5 J Marshall (5) 3
5 0240 FLASHMAN 16 F Lee 3-8-0 — L Charnock 1
6 5332 BRACKENTHWAITE B (D,G) T Barron 3-7-13 — A Mackay 6
7 6032 DOCTOR ROY 3 (F) N Tycroll 5-7-12 — D Wright (5) 2
8 4169 TANODA 27 (C,D,F,G,S) M Britain 7-7-10 — J Lowe 5

7-2 Tanoda, 9-2 Brackenthwaite, 11-2 Doctor Roy, 6-1 Imperial Bid, 7-1 Manila Bay, 8-1 Principal Player, 10-1 American Hero, 12-1 Flashman.

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TRAINERS: P Chapple-Hyam, 14 winners from 33 runners, 42.4%; P Haslam, 5 from 14, 35.7%; W Jarvis, 3 from 13, 23.1%; Mrs M Reveley, 10 from 54, 18.5%; T Barron, 8 from 48, 16.7%; C Booth, 5 from 34, 14.7%.

JOCKEYS: J Marshall, 3 winners from 17 rides, 17.6%; K Fallon, 14 from 122, 11.5%. (Only qualifiers)

Everton and Ipswich strike early blows

BY KEITH PIKE

EVERTON and Ipswich Town continue to confound the so-called experts. Two teams widely tipped to be relegated from the FA Carling Premiership were yesterday celebrating their second successive victories.

Everton's early-season success is perhaps the more surprising. Howard Kendall, the manager, had sparked something of a supporters' revolt by selling the hugely popular Peter Beardsley to Newcastle United in the summer and then failing to buy a replacement. Such disquiet is now looking premature.

Having beaten Southampton at The Dell on the opening day, Everton returned to Goodison Park on Tuesday night where a first-half goal by Paul Rideout proved sufficient to account for Manchester City. Kendall could not hide his pleasure.

"Possibly some of the players were surprised to be in the starting line-up with all the summer speculation," Kendall said. "The people who are playing want to play and want their places badly, and it shows in their play."

Rideout, who stretched to divert Gary Ablett's low cross in off a post for the winner, believes his partnership with Tony Cottee could make Kendall's search for a striker unnecessary.

Ipswich, who like Everton had lost one of their most creative players when Jason Dozzell signed for Tottenham Hotspur, had, unlike them, immediately invested in a replacement. The signing of Ian Marshall from Oldham Athletic already appears to have been a shrewd piece of business.

Marshall scored one of Ipswich's three goals in the victory over Oldham on Saturday, and was on the mark again on Tuesday with the only goal against Southampton at Portman Road. "We played some excellent football, particularly in the first half," Mick McGiven, the Ipswich manager, said.

The prospect of Wimbledon representing England in Europe will make some shudder — not least continental defenders — but John Fashanu, the Wimbledon captain, believes his side is capable of achieving that goal.

Like Marshall, Fashanu has scored in each of his first two games. His typically brave far-post header earned Wimbledon a draw with Chelsea at Selhurst Park, and afterwards he said: "We have had a good start and there is no reason why we shouldn't get into Europe.

"For the first time that I can remember, we haven't sold players during the summer. On the contrary, we have added to the playing staff and have a great squad now."

Fashanu ended a predictably dreary derby with a damaged ankle, but is expected to be fit for the visit of Aston Villa on Saturday.

Glenn Hoddle, the Chelsea player-manager, saw much to encourage him in their performance, even if he was unhappy at only drawing after Wise had put them ahead.

Across London, Billy Bonds was contemplating a much harder struggle. The West Ham United manager saw his side suffer a second successive defeat, Gary Speed scoring the only goal as Leeds United won at Elland Road.

Marseilles face new allegations

THE football player at the centre of the Marseilles match-fixing allegations has claimed that the European champions had also attempted to bribe him to lose another match (Keith Pike writes).

Jean-Jacques Eydelie, the Marseilles midfield player who has admitted offering three Valenciennes players money to lose a French league match on May 20, now says that on March 5 last year, when he was with Nantes, he was approached by Marseilles and offered money to lose a game.

Eydelie claims that Jean-Pierre Bernès, the former Marseilles general manager, offered him and another unidentified player Fr350,000 (about £39,500) to let Marseilles win. Eydelie did not say whether any money changed hands. Marseilles won the match 1-0.

Eydelie, who played for Marseilles last season, made the accusation to police last month, when he said he also offered a bribe on Bernès's behalf to the three Valenciennes players. Two were former Nantes team-mates.

The sports weekly, *France Football*, reported the previously undisclosed allegations on Tuesday. Eydelie's lawyer, Jean-Jacques Bertrand, confirmed that his client had made them.

Bernès, Eydelie, two Valenciennes players and one of their wives have been charged with corruption in a bribery scandal stemming from Marseilles' 1-0 victory over Valenciennes. Marseilles reportedly wanted to save energy for the European Cup final against AC Milan six days later, which Marseilles won.

Yesterday, two detectives flew to Martinique to interview Corinne Krajewski, the parliamentary attache of a witness in the case, Jacques Mellick. Krajewski, who is on holiday on the island, is said to have been present at a meeting between Mellick, the former socialist minister, and the Marseilles club president, Bernard Tapie, who has been accused of trying to bribe the former Valenciennes trainer, Boro Primorac, to take the blame for the affair. Mellick said he was with Tapie in Paris when the bribe was allegedly offered.

Becker makes slow start

BORIS Becker, widely expected to progress largely unhindered into the third round of the RCA championships in Indianapolis yesterday, instead had to battle in his second-round match with a Canadian ranked more than 150 places below him.

Becker, of Germany, the third seed and ranked No 4 in the world, struggled for two hours and 41 minutes against 157th-ranked Andrew Sznajder, of Canada, before earning a 6-4, 5-7, 6-4 win. By the time he came off court, Becker had doubled-faulted 11 times and made an unusually-high total of 53 unforced errors.

"I think I am at the stage where I need to play more matches," Becker, who had played just two matches since his semi-final appearance at Wimbledon, said. "I have been on the practice court, but in my opinion, I need to play more matches to get that right kind of shape and the right kind of frame of mind.

"I felt kind of strange on the court, fighting to play a match again after being away for two weeks. I didn't feel very comfortable on the court for the first 15 minutes or so."

Becker only lived up to his favoured status in the match when he broke Sznajder's serve in the fifth game of the final set, although the Canadian saved five match points in the final game before Becker won.

Courier, of the United States, the second seed, completed an easy 6-3, 6-2 second-round victory over 78th-ranked Jaime Oncins, of Brazil. Courier never offered Oncins an opportunity to break serve in the match, which lasted less than an hour and a half.

"There was a lot of hard hitting and not a lot of finesse out there," Courier said. "It felt pretty good to get one under my belt."

Steffi Graf's first appearance in the Canadian Open was not one of her better performances, but it was still good enough for a 7-5, 6-3 win over Rosalyn Nideffer, of South Africa. The fifth seed, Jana Novotna, of the Czech Republic, Jennifer Capriati, the No 6 seed from the United States, and the unseeded Tracy Austin, also of the United States, all won without losing a set.

Graf, the world No 1, moved her career record against Nideffer to 6-0 with her victory, but she was clearly upset with her standard of play: "I didn't get enough first serves in and I didn't play patiently enough," she said.

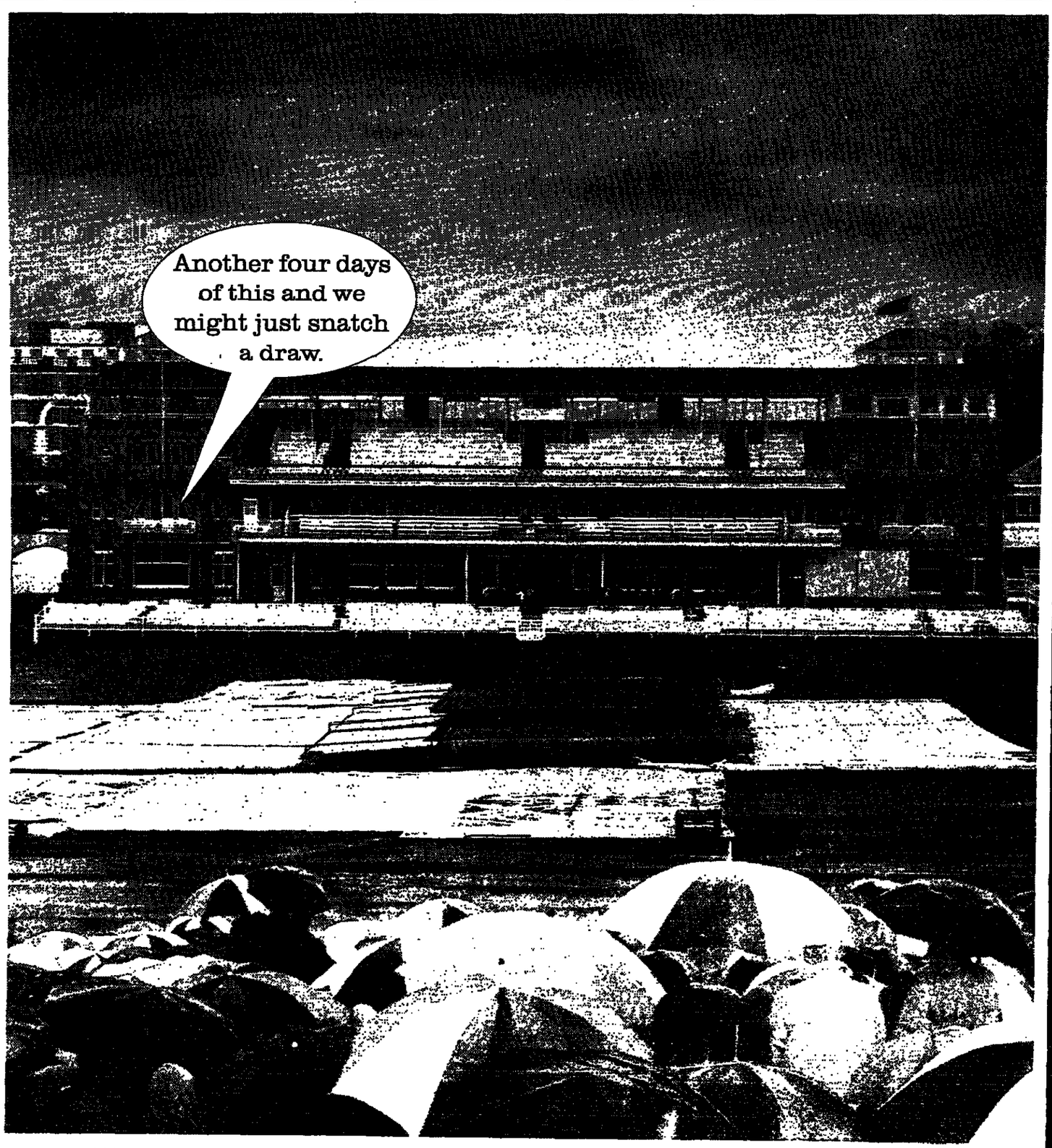
Austin, twice the US Open champion who has not played regularly on the circuit since the spring of 1983, performed more consistently than her opponent, a qualifier, Audra Keller, of the United States, and won their first-round match 7-5, 6-2. She will meet the No 12 seed, Nathalie Tauziat, of France, in the second round.

Now 30 and recently-married, Austin is playing her fourth tournament since beginning a comeback in March after a series of injuries and a serious car accident. Ranked No 159, she said afterwards she has set no targets for herself, certainly not regaining the No 1 ranking she reached in April 1980: "It would be absurd to have a goal of being No 1, because I've lost too much time," she said. "I'm just thankful I've come up with a few wins and I feel I'm getting better every week."

Though she said she will not think yet about playing in the US Open, which begins on August 30, Austin revealed she had asked her brother, Jeff, an agent with the Advantage International management firm, to talk to the US Tennis Association, about the possibility of a wild-card entry.

However, she has already agreed to do television commentary work during the course of the tournament, which could conflict with her competing.

NEW HOPE FOR ENGLAND'S CRICKETERS



DEFINITELY A DRY BLACKTHORN DAY.

ATHLETICS

STUTTGART: World championships: Men: 400m: Final: 1, M Johnson (US), 43.65; 2, B Reynolds (US), 44.13; 3, S Kaur (Ken), 44.54; 4, Q Watts (US), 45.05; 5, S Bada (Nigeria), 45.11; 6, G Haughton (Jam), 45.63; 7, S Kemboi (Ken), 45.65; 8, K Ochieng (Ken), 45.68. 800m: Final: 1, P Ruto (Ken), 1:44.71; 2, G D'Urso (It), 1:44.86; 3, W Konchellah (Ken), 1:44.89; 4, C Robb (GB), 1:45.54; 5, H Sepeng (SA), 1:45.64; 6, F Williams (Can), 1:45.79; 7, W Tanui (Ken), 1:45.80; 8, T McKean (GB), 1:46.17. Discus: Final: 1, L Riedel (Ger), 67.72m; 2, D Shevchenko (Russ), 66.60m; 3, J Schult (Ger), 66.12m; 4, R Ubartas (Lith), 65.24m; 5, C Grasu (Rom), 65.24m; 6, V Sinchenko (Ukr), 62.00m; 7, N Sweeney (Ire), 61.66m; 8, V Kaptyukh (Belo), 61.64m; 9, M Buncic (US), 61.06m; 10, L Delis (Cuba), 60.76m; 11, A Washington (US), 60.72m; 12, V Kidykas (Lith), 58.62m. Women: Heptathlon: Final positions (100m hurdles, high jump, shot, 200m, long jump, javelin, 800m): 1, J Joyner-Kersee (US), 6,837pts (12.89sec, 1.81m, 14.38m, 23.19sec, 7.04m, 43.76m, 2:14.49); 2, S Braun (Ger), 6,797 (13.25, 1.90, 14.62, 24.12, 6.54, 53.44, 2:17.82); 3, S Buraga (Belo), 6,635 (12.95, 1.84, 14.55, 23.69, 6.58, 41.04, 2:13.65); 4, S Dimitrova (Bul), 6,508 (12.85, 1.80, 15.46, 23.10, 6.32, 47.02, 2:13.80); 5, U Wlodarczyk (Pol), 6,394 (13.41, 1.81, 14.00, 24.14, 6.52, 42.64, 2:18.28); 6, K Carter (US), 6,357 (13.62, 1.84, 15.41, 24.23, 6.09, 36.8m, 42:09.82); 7, J Fleming (Aus), 6,343 (13.06, 1.75, 14.03, 23.49, 6.21, 42.12m, 2:16.93); 8, B Clarius (Ger), 6,341 (13.74, 1.81, 15.46, 25.14, 5.64, 50.14, 2:10.00); 9, T Dobrovitskaya (Belo), 6,290; 10, T Zhuravlyova (Russ), 6,215; 11, R Ihancsi (Hun), 6,188; 12, P Vaideanu (Rom), 6,105.

FOOTBALL

EUROPEAN CUP WINNERS' CUP: Preliminary round, first leg: Publikum (Slovenia) 0, OB Odense (Den) 1; Karpaty Lvov (Ukr) 1, Shelbourne (Ire) 0; Nikol Tallinn (Est) 0, Lillestrom (Nor) 4.
NEVILLE OVENDEN COMBINATION: First round: Luton 4, West Ham 1. Second round: Bournemouth 0, Birmingham 2.
Late results on Tuesday
ENDSLEIGH INSURANCE LEAGUE: First division: Peterborough 4, Barnsley 1; Portsmouth 1, Charlton Athletic 2.
COCA-COLA CUP: First round, first leg: Birmingham 3, Plymouth 0; Bolton 0, Bury 2; Bournemouth 3, Cardiff 1; Brentford 2, Watford 2; Cambridge Utd 1, Luton 0; Chesterfield 3, Carlisle 1; Crewe 0, Wrexham 1; Darlington 1, Bradford 5; Fulham 2, Colchester 1; Gillingham 1, Brighton 0; Hereford 0, Torquay 2; Huddersfield 0, Scarborough 0; Leyton Orient 0, Wycombe 2; Notts County 2, Hull 0; Port Vale 2, Lincoln 2; Preston 1, Burnley 2; Rochdale 2, York 0; Shrewsbury 1, Scunthorpe 0; Stockport 1, Hartlepool 1; Sunderland 3, Chester 1; Swansea 0, Bristol City 1; Walsall 0, Exeter 0; Wigan 0, Rotherham 1.
NEVILLE OVENDEN COMBINATION: First division: Arsenal 0, Norwich 5; Bristol City 4, Portsmouth 3; Bristol Rovers 3, Queens Park Rangers 0; Crystal Palace 1, Tottenham Hotspur 2.
ULSTER CUP: Sectional matches: Ards 4, Omagh Town 0; Crusaders 1, Newry 0; Distillery 3, Carrick 2; Glenavon 2, Ballymena 0; Glentoran 0, Cliftonville 0; Portadown 5, Ballyclare 0.
CARLING NORTH-WEST COUNTIES LEAGUE: First division: Atherton LR 2, Blackpool Rovers 0; Bradford Park Avenue 1, Bootle 1; Eastwood Hanley 2, Darwen 0; Glossop North End 1, Prescot 1; Marine Road 1, Kidsgrove 2; Newcastle Town 3, Salford 0; Rossendale 4, Flixton 1. Skelmersdale 2, Bacup 4.
EUROPEAN CUP-WINNERS' CUP: RAF Jelgava (Lat) 1, Havnar HB (Faeroe Isles) 0; Dudelange (Lux) 0, Maccabi Haifa (Isr) 1

BASEBALL

NATIONAL LEAGUE: Chicago 7, Montreal 2 and 4-8; Cincinnati 6, New York 0; Pittsburgh 10, San Francisco 3; Atlanta 3, Los Angeles 2; Houston 4, Florida 0; St Louis 8, San Diego 4; Philadelphia 10, Colorado 7
AMERICAN LEAGUE: New York 11, Texas 4 and 2-3; Chicago 3, Boston 2; Toronto 6, Cleveland 4; Kansas City 3, Minnesota 2; Oakland 6, Milwaukee 3; Detroit 9, California 3; Seattle 5, Baltimore 3

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Totnes bt Denham (K Smith), 25-24; Erdington Court bt Bolton, 39-5; Blackheath and Greenwich bt Plymouth CS, 18-17; South London bt Denham, (D Killick) 21-12. Semi-finals: Erdington Court (R Robinson and R Brittan) bt Totnes (R Johnson and J Wickham), 18-17; Blackheath and Greenwich (G Smith and A E Thomson) bt South London (J Birch and T O'Connell), 21-8

CRICKET

BAIN CLARKSON TROPHY: Semi-finals: Southampton: Leicestershire 211; Hampshire 208 (R M F Cox 107 not out). Leicestershire won by 5 runs. Trent Bridge: Sussex 197-9; Nottinghamshire 187-9. Sussex won by 10 runs
MINOR COUNTIES CHAMPIONSHIP: Camborne: Herefordshire 209-9 (Hall 72; Watts 6-52); Cornwall 241-5 (Barlett 102 not out, Blackburn 60). Jesmond: Suffolk 88 and 289-9 dec (S J Hellikay 67, A J Squire 88 not out; I E Conn 4-50); Northumberland 262-3 dec and 118-4 (A Rosberry 55 not out). Northumberland won by 6 wickets
TOUR MATCH: Kurunegala: South Africans 303-7 (A C Hudson 91, K C Wessels 52, P L Symcox 53 not out; K Dharmasena 4-88) v Sri Lanka Board XI.

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TOUR MATCH: Sydney 20, South Africa 31.

SHOOTING

BISLEY: National smallbore rifle championships: BP Trophy (class X 100 yds): 1, B Throne (US), 395; equal 2, J Baker (Vauxhall Motors), R Hudson (Rotherham Chantry), 394. Senior Service Trophy (class A): F Upton (Derby), 391; Anglo-American Trophy (class B): E Day (Perkins), 389; Gilbey Trophy (class C): R Opperman (SA), 387; Bellito Trophy (class D): S Crowe (Bury St Edmunds), 382. Charrington Gardner Lodge Trophy (class X): 1, G Haworth (City of Oxford), 396; 2, N Brasher (Chichester), 395; 3, D Chesser (US), 395; Captain Cup (class A): E Bottomley (Blackpool), 394; Goodlake Cup (class B), J Renoul (St Johns), 394; Stamp Cup (class C), Opperman 391. Dunlop Cup (class D): R Campbell (Matlock), 389. Grand aggregate: 1, C Brunatti (US), 2,160; 2, R Wigger (US), 2,156; 3, W Murray (Chobham 2154; 4 B Throne (US), 2,153; 5 W Brown (Bookham), 2,150.

TENNIS

NEW HAVEN, Connecticut: Men's tournament: First round: K Jones (US) bt Arnaud Boetsch (Fr), 6-3, 6-2; G Stafford (SA) bt D Nargiso (It), 7-6, 6-4; A Olhovskiy (Russ) bt Y El Aynaoui (Mor), 3-6, 7-5, 6-3; M Kaplan (Bah) bt L Tieleman (It), 7-5, 6-1; C Pridham (Can) bt R Fromberg (Aus), 6-4, 6-2; J Svensson (Swe) bt N Pereira (Ven), 4-6, 6-3, 6-4; Y Kafelnikov (Russ) bt n Bale (SA), 6-2, 6-4; D Nestor (Can) bt D Prinosil (Ger), 6-3, 6-4; A Agassi (US) bt K Evernden (NZ), 6-0, 6-3, S Stolle (Aus) bt J Siemerink (Holl), 3-6, 7-6, 6-2; M Rosset (Switz) bt R Agenor (Hait), 6-4, 6-1; Ho (US) bt M Göllner (Ger), 6-2, 6-4; B Farrow (US) bt M Wilander (Swe), 2-6, 7-5, 6-4; S Sargsian (Armenia) bt R Maszaszwski (US), 5-7, 6-7, 6-1, T Woodbridge (Aus) bt O Fernandez (Mex), 6-4, 6-0; B Black (Zim) bt C-U Steeb (Ger), 6-1, 6-4, N Borwick (Aus) bt A O'Brian (US), 7-5, 3-6, 6-3.
INDIANAPOLIS: Men's tournament (US unless stated): First round: W Masur (Aus) bt P McEnroe, 6-3, 6-2; R Reneberg bt J Eltingh (Holl), 6-4, 8-2; B Gilbert bt A Krickstein, 7-6, 6-3, 7-6, B Steven (NC) bt T Witsken, 6-3, 7-6, T Nelson bt B McPhillip, 6-4, 6-1; C Caml (It) bt R Gilbert (Fr), 6-3, 3-6, 6-1; S Shelton bt A Moreno (Mex), 4-6, 6-3, 6-1; J Morgan (Aus) bt J Hlasek (Switz), 6-3, 4-6, 6-4; P Haarhuis (Holl) bt A Correjta (Sp), 7-6, 6-3; L Mattar (Bri) bt S Simian (Fr), 6-4, 7-6. Second round: J Courier bt J Oncins (Bri), 6-3, 6-2; B Becker (Ger) bt A Sznajder (Can), 6-4, 5-7, 6-4; J Yzaga (Peru) bt T Martin, 4-6, 7-6, 6-0; A Volkov (Russ) bt M Zöcke (Ger), 6-4, 6-4
TORONTO: Canadian Open women's tournament: First round: H Sukova (Cz) bt N Van Lottum (Fr), 6-3, 6-3, A Coetzer (SA) bt E Reinach (SA), 6-4, 3-6, 6-1; L McNeil (US) bt E Likhovtseva (Kaz), 6-1, 7-5; N Zvereva (Belo) bt R McQuillan (Aus), 6-2, 2-6, 6-1; M Oremans (Holl) bt M McGrath (US), 6-4, 6-1. Second round: S Graf (Ger) bt R Nideffer (SA), 7-5, 6-3; J Novotna (Cz) bt M Wardell (US), 6-1, 6-2; J Capriata (US) bt C Rubin (US), 6-2, 6-1, A Huber (Ger) bt B Schultz (Holl), 6-3, 6-0, M Maleeva-Fragnière (Switz) bt R Dragomir (Rom), 7-5, 6-4, K Maleeva (Bul) bt N Medvedeva (Ukr), 6-1, 6-4, N Sawamatsu (Japan) bt P Hy (Can), 7-5, 6-0
NOTTINGHAM: Midland Bank national junior championships: 18 and under: Boys: Third round: G Jones bt M Ratcliffe, 6-3, 6-4, L Milligan bt J Williams, 6-2, 6-1, M Coombs bt M Stocks, 6-2, 6-1; J Fox bt S Pender, 6-0, 6-2, T Spinks bt M Powell, 6-3, 6-3; A Ostemeth bt B McIvor, 6-1, 3-6, 6-3, M Ingham bt R Evans, 6-1, 6-1, J Hind bt R Clarke, 6-4, 4-6, 6-2. Girls: Third round: L Jelfs bt J Duncan, 7-6, 6-3, J Ward bt S Donovan, 6-1, 6-2, Z Mellis bt h. Hughes, 6-1, 6-3, K Warne-Holland bt I Wyatt, 6-1, 6-4, M Miller bt H Matthews, 6-4, 5-7, 6-4; M Hughes bt J McMahon, 2-6, 7-5, 6-3; T Croson bt E Smith, 6-1, 6-3; C Taylor bt A Green, 6-0, 6-1.

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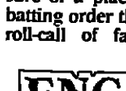
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TENNIS

Coronation triumph highlights need for stronger bowling if national team is to be force again

England can learn from lessons of Oval history



John Woodcock draws a parallel between the England side of 1953 and its present-day counterparts

History came to the Oval 40 years ago today — at seven minutes to three this afternoon — when Denis Compton, batting at the Vauxhall End, pulled Arthur Morris for four. For the first time for nearly three decades, England had won a rubber against Australia at home.

The evening papers, of which there were three in London alone, carried such streamers as "We've done it". Earlier that summer, the Queen had been crowned and Everest had been conquered for the first time, by an English-led expedition.

I can see no harm in prefacing the final Test match, which starts today, with such a boast. After 16 years without the Ashes, five of them spent at war, England's need for victory over the old enemy was as great in 1953 as it is today and, at last, they had the makings of a strong side, one blending youth with experience. There has been some rather careless talk lately about the young being left to fend for themselves in the West Indies this winter.

Of the England XI today, only Gooch would have been sure of a place in 1953. The batting order then read like a roll-call of famous names.

Even so, it was the bowling that won the match for England and was to keep them at the top for the next five years. No true recovery can be started now until an attack is found that is not cannon fodder to all our opponents.

Of the 24 totals of over 500 made in Test cricket in the last four years, ten have been against England. It has been very nearly as rare for England to bowl sides out for under 400 as to allow them to make more than that. In their last 15 Test matches against Australia, England have paid 52 runs for every wicket they have taken. In the series of 1953, they paid 25.

One-day cricket may have bailed the counties out but such is the premium it places on containment that in almost every competition played in England at the moment, at every level, wicket-taking is of secondary importance. The vast majority of matches can be won with purely defensive bowling and that must surely be short-sighted.

In theory, it is possible to carry off the Benson and Hedges Cup, the Sunday league and the NatWest Trophy, all in one season, without ever getting anyone out.

The brains trust can go on until they are blue in the face about grass roots and centres of excellence and A teams and the under-14s and the right format for the Sunday league and all the rest of it. But so long as the bowler, whether man or boy, who takes none for 15 in 12 overs is, much more often than not, a more valuable member of his side than the one who takes five for 45 in his 12, we shall win Test matches only on helpful pitches or against much weaker sides.

It is hardly conceivable that the modern English game could have spawned Shane Warne. That is partly because he has had the advantage in Australia of learning his trade in a more favourable climate and on faster, bouncier pitches. But there is more to stimulate him in the way the game is played there.

He is a freak, too, which helps. I doubt whether there has ever been another bowler who possessed such prodigious powers of spin, and yet gave so few runs away, as Warne.

Wrist spinners with anything like the same accuracy have mostly been rollers of the ball; those who have really spun it have invariably been more prodigal. After the last Test match, Allan Border said that England's batsmen are being too cautious in the way they play Warne and that they should be going down the pitch to him. That was how Lindsay Hassett came to be such a bane to Bill O'Reilly, more so than anyone else O'Reilly bowled against.

But in the England of the one-day game, there are only a couple of county leg spinners, one of them a Pakistani, against whom batsmen can put their footwork to the test and, when it is not done instinctively, it can go horribly wrong.

Compton, although his footwork was a byword, says he would be looking to use the sweep against Warne more than England are doing; or what, in his case, was a paddle. But for the ordinary mortal that, too, carries a high element of risk.

> Of the England XI today, only Gooch would have been sure of a place in 1953. The batting order read like a roll-call of famous names

It is not a comforting thought for England's present and aspiring batsmen that Warne is only 23. Next on his hit-list are the South Africans, some of whose forebears were among the earliest exponents of the googly but to whom the mysteries of wrist spin have often been unfathomable.

I see, by the way, that Warne is being linked with a first-class county and a welcome addition he would be to the English game. Whether he would be wise to come and play, rather than save himself and his wiles for Victoria and Australia, is another matter. As a rule, the more exposure such bowlers get, the less dramatically effective they become.

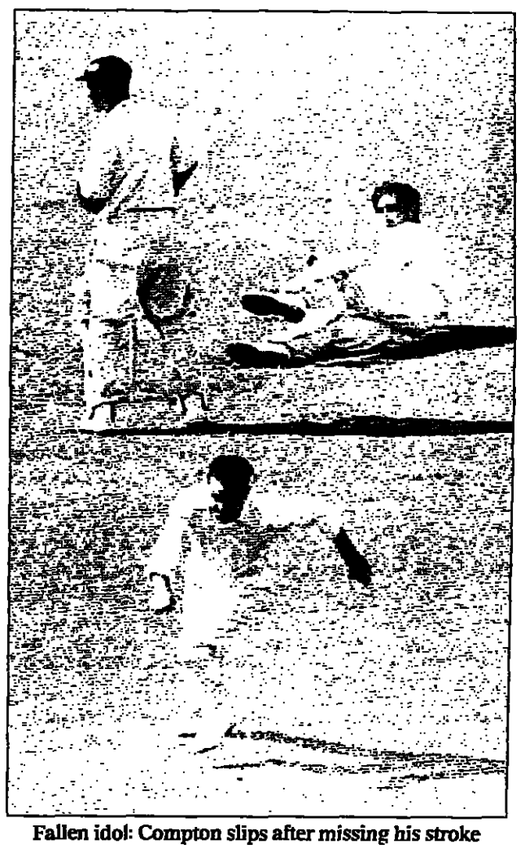
Virtually unknown outside Australia this time last year, Warne is now, of all the world's bowlers, the most rewarding to watch. The great Compton agreed that he would have presented a problem to England's batsmen at the Oval in 1953, albeit less of a one than to his heirs today.

Amazingly enough, Australia went into that match 40 years ago without a specialist spinner, which was not the least of the reasons why they lost it.

Richie Benaud, 22 at the time, had not done quite enough to keep his place — though as precociously gifted a bowler as Warne, he was not yet as far advanced — and Hassett had to call on Keith Miller for some off breaks. Would that Border were to be equally nonplussed in the coming days.



Job well done: Hutton, the England captain, right, offers congratulations to Lock, who took five wickets in the Australia second innings



Fallen idol: Compton slips after missing his stroke

Border's chance to break series record

By Simon Wilde

AUSTRALIA have beaten England in many places in recent years but the Oval is not one of them. Since their victory in 1882 which inspired the legend of the Ashes, the ground has been far more of a graveyard for them than for England: just four wins in 28 subsequent Tests, only two of them since the war. The last Australian to lead his team to victory there was Ian Chappell in 1972: before that it was Don Bradman in 1948.

Allan Border has a fine chance of improving this record in the sixth Cornhill Test match which starts today. If he does so, he will become the first Australian captain to win five Tests in a series in England, eclipsing the four achieved by Bradman's much-vaunted 1948 team and his own side in 1989. Australia might have won four years ago had not rain interfered. They scored 468 and only narrowly failed to make England follow on.

Border must hope that he concludes his successful Test career at the Oval (one century and four fifties in six innings) more satisfactorily than did Bradman, who rounded off scores of 232, 244, and 77 with a second-ball duck.

England may come to regret dispensing with Smith. His record at the Oval is almost as good as Border's: one century and four fifties in ten innings, with an average of 65. Last year, when England were beaten in four days by Pakistan, he shared in their only two half-century partnerships: 81 with Atherton and 61 with Lewis.

The track records of the players England have chosen are mixed. Tufnell had a dramatic spell of six wickets in 33 balls against the West Indies two years ago, but otherwise has a return of two for 258 from 89 overs. Malcolm has claimed seven wickets in his two Tests, taking a wicket every nine overs but at a cost of almost 30 each.

Atherton has often been undone by the square's higher bounce, being caught behind or in the slips six times in eight innings, and averages only 24. Even Gooch will be disappointed with his record; he has an average of more than 50 at the Oval but, in 18 innings, he has made only one century: 196 against the 1985 Australians.

England's recent record at the Oval is good against all comers, not only Australia. In their last 16 matches on the ground, they have been beaten just three times: by Pakistan last year and the 1984 and 1988 West Indians.

ENGLAND V AUSTRALIA AT THE OVAL: Results: played 30, England won 13, Australia 5, drawn 12. Records (England first): Highest totals: 903-7 dec (1938), 701 (1934). Lowest totals: 52 (1948), 44 (1896). Highest innings: 364 L Hutton (1938), 266 W H Ponsford (1934). Best bowling: 7-36 G A Lohmann (1886), 8-65 H Trumble (1902).

ENGLAND REGAIN THE ASHES

AUSTRALIA BEATEN BY 8 WICKETS

MEMORIES OF 1926

From Our Cricket Correspondent

August 19 at Kennington Oval. Here was a day and a place to remember, the day English cricket was reborn. After 20 long years in the series against Australia, and 27 years on British soil, England at last won back the Ashes yesterday with a victory of rich flavour by eight wickets in the final Test match. So 1953 turned back to hold hands with 1926, complete the pattern of history in a remarkable way on this same historic ground, and thus consummate this happy summer of Coronation

How *The Times* reported England's historic victory

LEADING FIRST-CLASS AVERAGES

Batting
Qualification: 6 completed innings, avge 45.50

	M	I	NO	Runs	HS	Avge	100	50
D C Boon	13	21	4	1424	164*	83.76	9	2
M E Waugh	15	23	6	1302	178	76.58	4	9
S R Waugh	15	19	8	829	157*	75.36	3	2
D R Martyn	12	15	3	838	138*	69.83	4	3
C W J Athey	13	23	4	1234	137	64.42	4	6
G A Gooch	14	26	2	1535	159*	63.95	411	
K J Barnett	13	19	3	1017	168	63.56	5	2
J E Emburey	13	16	7	560	123	62.22	1	5
M W Gatting	12	17	2	910	182	60.66	3	4
M L Hayden	13	21	1	1150	151*	57.50	3	7
M J Slater	16	26	4	1259	152	57.22	4	6
J E Morris	15	23	1	1252	229	56.90	4	6
A P Wells	14	22	2	1075	144	53.75	4	4
N Hussain	15	25	4	1115	152	53.09	5	4
J D Carr	13	18	5	683	192*	52.53	2	2
T S Curtis	15	26	2	1249	116*	52.04	4	6
G A Hick	14	24	2	1138	187	51.72	4	4
D L Haynes	11	17	3	704	115	50.28	2	4
M A Atherton	15	26	1	1257	137	50.28	3	8
N J Llong	13	19	4	737	116*	49.13	2	4
D J Bicknell	14	26	2	1175	190	48.95	3	7
J P Crawley	15	26	3	1118	187*	48.60	2	6
I V A Richards	13	25	6	913	224*	48.05	2	4
A Dale	16	30	1	1389	214*	47.89	3	7
A R Border	15	19	3	756	200*	47.37	1	4
G D Hodgson	11	21	2	891	166	46.89	1	7
M P Maynard	15	25	1	1123	145	46.79	3	5
K R Brown	14	19	6	596	88*	46.00	—	4
P R Pollard	15	27	3	1097	117	45.70	2	8
R T Robinson	14	25	3	1001	139*	45.50	3	6

Bowling
Qualification: 20 wickets, avge 26.40

	O	M	R	W	Avge	BB	5I	10m
A P Igglesden	316.3	79	742	43	17.25	6-58	3	1
C E L Ambrose	344.1	109	714	41	17.41	5-76	1	—
M A V Bell	126.1	29	388	22	17.63	7-48	3	—
K M Curran	348.4	93	986	53	18.22	7-47	3	—
M P Bicknell	502.2	137	1341	67	20.01	6-43	6	2
Waqar Younis	367.4	75	1124	54	20.81	6-42	4	—
A E Warner	240.3	62	629	30	20.96	5-27	2	1
M Ahmed	467.5	136	1221	58	21.05	7-91	6	3
S L Watkin	587.4	137	1545	73	21.16	5-71	2	—
Wasim Akram	220.2	55	575	27	21.29	6-45	2	—
J E Emburey	622.1	195	1221	57	21.42	8-40	2	1
W Benjamin	281.3	81	702	32	21.93	7-83	3	—
S K Warne	705.4	261	1550	70	22.14	5-61	2	—
N A Mallender	231.1	71	539	24	22.45	5-49	1	—
S D Thomas	119.3	18	454	20	22.70	5-76	1	—
D A Reeve	268.1	99	501	22	22.77	3-38	—	—
K Benjamin	260.5	38	831	36	23.08	6-70	2	—
C L Cairns	372.5	66	1127	48	23.47	6-70	3	—
C A Walsh	375.5	86	1057	45	23.48	5-58	3	—
J P Taylor	472.2	136	1287	53	24.28	5-45	1	—
E E Hemmings	546.5	152	1363	52	24.28	7-31	2	1
P C R Tufnell	592.3	161	1312	54	24.29	8-29	3	—
D G Cork	304.5	66	816	33	24.72	4-90	—	—
M A Robinson	349.1	94	861	34	25.32	9-37	2	1
J H Childs	554.3	166	1293	51	25.35	6-37	3	—
J E Benjamin	480.3	123	1379	53	26.01	6-19	2	—
A R Caddick	470	99	1432	55	26.03	9-32	4	3
A R C Fraser	429.4	99	1154	44	26.22	7-40	1	—
T B A May	528.5	147	1344	51	26.35	5-89	1	—
K P Evans	265.3	69	660	25	26.40	6-67	1	—

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TODAY'S FIXTURES

CRICKET

Sixth Cornhill Test Match

First day of five

11.0 to 6.0, 90 overs minimum

THE OVAL: England v Australia

Britannic Assurance county championship

First day of four

11.0, 110 overs minimum

ILKESTON: Derbyshire v Surrey

DARLINGTON: Durham v Warwickshire

SWANSEA: Glamorgan v Hampshire

BRISTOL: Gloucestershire v Essex

OLD TRAFFORD: Lancashire v Yorkshire

LORD'S: Middlesex v Northamptonshire

WESTON-SUPER-MARE: Somerset v Leicestershire

WORCESTER: Worcestershire v Kent

RAPID CRICKETLINE SECOND XI CHAMPIONSHIP (second day of three): Chelmsford: Essex v Lancashire; Hinckley: Leicestershire v Gloucestershire; Northampton: Northamptonshire v Surrey; Trent Bridge: Nottinghamshire v Kent; Taunton: Somerset v Middlesex; Hove: Sussex v Glamorgan; Edgbaston: Warwickshire v Durham; York: Yorkshire v Worcestershire.

MINOR COUNTIES CHAMPIONSHIP (final day of two): Fenner's: Cambridgeshire v Bedfordshire

FOOTBALL

PONTINS LEAGUE: First division: Aston Villa v Leeds (7.0), Blackburn v Manchester United (7.0), Derby v Leicester (7.0), Liverpool v York (7.0); Notts County v Nottingham Forest (7.0); Sheffield United v Sheffield Wednesday (7.0). Second division: Middlesbrough v Stoke (7.0); Blackpool v Mansfield (7.0).

BORD GAIS NATIONAL LEAGUE: Cup: Athlone Town v Drogheda Utd (6.0); Shamrock Rovers v Bray Wanderers (6.0), Sligo Rovers v Limerick City (6.0)

OTHER SPORT

BOWLS: EBA National Championships (Worthing).

GOLF: British women's strokeplay championship (Gullane); Murphy's English Open (Forest of Arden).

SPEEDWAY: First division B: Ipswich v Reading (7.30); Second division B: Middlesbrough v Oxford (7.30), Sheffield v Swindon (7.30).

TENNIS: Midland Bank British junior championships (Nottingham)

Northamptonshire relish chance to open up championship race

By Michael Henderson

THE most important county match of the year starts today at Lord's. If Middlesex win, they can, in all probability, be crowned champions on Monday night. A Northamptonshire victory would provide a most welcome competitive edge to the final month of the season.

Already without Angus Fraser, who returns to the England side garlanded with kind words, Middlesex must wait until this morning to discover whether Phil Tufnell plays at the Oval, or returns to join them. The absence of both men would place a considerable burden on the other bowlers in a match Middlesex will be happy not to lose.

Middlesex's dominance in this year's championship, with a team that has rarely touched the heights of previous sides in the club's history, reflects the state of county cricket. It is not that there are no good players — though there are as many moderates ones — but few teams are capable of revealing their best form except in short bursts.

Yorkshire, who meet Lancashire in the Roses Match at Old Trafford, provide as good an example as any. Capable on their better days of beating Essex and Northamptonshire, on their bad days they look awful. The rain which rescued them from a jolly good hiding at the hands of Middlesex at Scarborough on Monday was a timely boon they hardly deserved.

Northamptonshire do not lack motive. As the captain of one of the three clubs famously never to have won a championship (begging Durham's pardon), Allan Lamb obviously feels that the 43 points chasm can be bridged, particularly as his side have a game in hand.

Mike Gatting also has one last goal to aim for, a final tour with England. A storming month would offer the Test selectors every reason to pick him for the Caribbean ahead of David Gower and Lamb as the "over-35" candidate. Mark Ramprakash, 23-years-young and also "fresh from a big hundred", to borrow Ted Dexter's phrase about Graeme Hick, no doubt feels something similar.

Younger than Ramprakash by five years is Michael Vaughan, who makes his debut for Yorkshire at Old Trafford. Like Ramprakash, he carries an enviable reputation into first-class cricket, but so did Richard Blakey, a double century-maker at 20, who has subsequently withered on the vine.

Hardly a season goes by without people wondering if Lancashire or Yorkshire, or both, are fielding the least distinguished side in their history. One thing is certain: Ellen Smith will not be running coach trips to watch Lancashire's bowlers (statistically the worst in the country) entertain Yorkshire's batsmen (worst but one). Vaughan, John Crawley or even the 21-year-old Ronnie Irani, called into the Lancashire party after a run-heavy summer in the second team, may illuminate proceedings.

At Ilkeston, Peter Bowler marshals Derbyshire's resources against Surrey in the absence of Kim Barnett, now that John Morris has relinquished the club's vice-captaincy. Morris, one of the game's most thrilling natural strikers, also faces an important month for he too must have hopes of earning a place on the senior tour this winter. There are few better players of fast bowling, and Hick is certainly not among that number.

Alan Igglesden, the Kent fast bowler, who has twice had to pull out of England squads this summer because of injuries, will plays his first championship match for a month at Worcester.

Robin Smith, deposed from the Test side for the time being, travels to Swansea with Hampshire, third from bottom, and will open the innings as an experiment against Glamorgan. Tony Middleton, who went on tour with England A last winter but has had a disappointing season, has been omitted. Glamorgan are not yet out of the championship race. They will be if Middlesex beat Northamptonshire in the next four days.

COUNTY TABLE

	P	W	L	D	Bt	Bl	Pts
Middlesex (11)	13	9	0	4	31	47	222
Glamorgan (14)	13	7	3	3	28	43	183
Northants (3)	12	7	3	2	24	43	179
Surrey (13)	13	6	4	3	32	51	179
Notts (4)	13	5	3	4	24	46	158
Somerset (6)	12	6	5	1	16	38	149
Worcs (17)	13	5	4	3	22	36	146
Kent (2)	13	4	3	6	31	43	138
Warwicks (6)	13	4	6	3	19	44	127
Lancashire (12)	12	4	5	3	31	29	124
Essex (1)	12	3	4	5	37	38	123
Leics (8)	12	4	5	3	17	42	123
Yorkshire (16)	12	4	3	5	15	38	117
Sussex (7)	13	3	6	4	26	41	115
Derbyshire (5)	13	3	6	4	24	42	114
Hampshire (15)	12	3	4	5	26	34	108
Glouces (10)	12	2	8	2	14	39	85
Durham (18)	13	1	8	4	20	40	76

Nottinghamshire and Worcestershire records include 8 points for tied match

(1992 positions in brackets)



Ramprakash: tour hope

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Women's success heralds new era at world athletics championships

Doubts cloud China's breakthrough

David Powell in Stuttgart looks at the unexpected rise of a new sporting power

THOMAS KIENZLE



All smiles: Lirong Zhang, left, Yunxia Qu and Lini Zhang celebrate their clean sweep of the medals in the 3,000 metres in Stuttgart

THERE is an old Chinese saying: "It takes more than one cold day for the river to freeze three-feet deep". China's emergence as a front-runner in world athletics is the product of 15 years of planning. Planning and pill-popping, the cynics say.

Third in the world championships medals table, ahead of Britain and Kenya, China is making its first big impact at senior global level. Its clean-sweep of the women's 3,000 metres medals on Monday was surely not the last we have seen of Chinese women runners on the podium here. The women's 10,000 metres heats begin today, an event in which China has two sound medal prospects.

Not the least extraordinary aspect of the Chinese 3,000 metres procession was that none of the three was aged over 20. Furthermore, in the women's 1,500 metres, beginning tomorrow, China is represented by three athletes under 21, all close to four minutes this season. Three medals? Two medals? One at least.

The story gets better. Junxia Wang, 18, recently ran 31min 8.42sec to rank seventh all-time in the 10,000 metres; in the Tianjin marathon in April, she clocked 2hr 24min 07sec, making her the sixth-fastest woman over the distance and, though athletics observers outside China, including the International Amateur Athletic Federation (IAAF), have questioned the accuracy of the distance, the Chinese insist it was measured correctly.

Short courses? Drug-taking? After all, the world's most populous nation, with 2.1 billion inhabitants, has only some 50 synthetic tracks and eight Chinese athletes are suspended for doping offences committed in the last three years. Or are the advances the result of their infrastructure, which includes 2,000 sports schools and 150 boarding sports schools, and their training methods?

Remember that Britain, too, which is proud of its anti-drugs stance, has two international athletes under suspension for positive tests in the last two years. Positive results may be more of a sign that the testing system is working than an indication that drug-taking is rife.

"In China, we are also against drugs," Lou Dapeng, the vice-president of the Chinese Athletic Association, said yesterday. "We have programmes for drugs control in competition and out of competition. We collect 200 to 300 samples every year."

As well as national testing, the IAAF sends "flying squads" in, using long-term visas to arrive without notice. Four have been sent in the last 27 months, during which some 40 have been despatched worldwide. Out of 50 Chinese athletes tested by the IAAF, 47 have passed.

One of the failures was Wang Yawen, the world junior women's champion in the shot, aged 19 when caught. How, it must be asked, does a young athlete in a Communist country get her drugs without state assistance?

Suspicion has grown this week that former East German coaches involved in organised drug-taking before the wall came down are now operating in China. However, Dapeng said: "There are GDR coaches in other countries in Asia but not in China. Every one of our coaches is Chinese. They are paid only $50 a month, so I do not think any other coaches would like to come."

Frank Dick, the British president of the European Coaches' Association, is sceptical about Chinese denials, believing there may still be a connection from the Eighties, when East German coaches visited China frequently. "I cannot understand why there is a reluctance to admit there is a connection," Dick said yesterday.

China had no athletics history to speak of before the founding of the Peoples' Republic in 1948, but produced the occasional champion before the Cultural Revolution in 1966. In 1957, Chen Feng-jung became the first Chinese to set a world record, with a women's high jump mark of 1.77 metres. In 1965, Chen Chia-Chuan equalled the men's 100 metres world record with 10.0sec.

During the revolution, which lasted ten years, a policy of sport for friendship, rather than glory, prevailed, but since its return to the IAAF in 1978, China has built towards excellence; Zhu Jianhua set three high jump world records in 1983 and 1984, the year in which China returned to the Olympic Games after 32 years away.

In 1989, Huang Zihong won the shot at the World Cup, the first Asian to win a significant international event, and, two years later, China took four medals at the world championships, a total equalled at the half-way point here. At the world junior championships last year, Chinese women won eight of the 19 gold medals. How much longer will it be before they have the same success at senior level?

Gunnell ready to prove her stature

FROM DAVID POWELL IN STUTTGART

SALLY Gunnell has been drawn in the lane she wanted, with her two most likely challengers in her sights immediately outside her, for the final of the 400 metres hurdles at the world championships here this evening. Mrs Bigg, her married name of ten months, is unlikely to be cut down to size.

She may feel like Mrs Small as she goes to her blocks: the tall and rangy physiques of Margarita Ponomaryova, of Russia, and Sandra Farmer-Patrick, of the United States, are in lanes five and six and will appear in contrast to Gunnell's more rounded build in lane four. But Gunnell, 5ft 6in, has taken advantage of her lower hips to develop a technique that puts the others to shame.

"I would like lane four or five," she said after winning her semi-final on Tuesday. Everything this season has gone perfectly for Gunnell who, but for the upset of the championships so far, will join Linford Christie as Olympic and world champion.

Gunnell has won all her 400 metres hurdles races this season, beating Farmer-Patrick and Ponomaryova along the way. The American and the Russian ran quicker than Gunnell in the semi-finals, but the British women's team captain was cruising.

Gunnell, whose fastest time is 53.16sec, looks ready to beat 53sec, given conducive weather, and perhaps even become the first woman track runner for five years to break a world record. The record, 52.94, held by Marina Styepanova, of the former Soviet Union, is seven years old.

Britain's other hurdles gold medal contender, Colin Jackson, spoke optimistically of his chances yesterday as he prepared for the heats of the 110 metres hurdles today. He already has Christie's backing. "Colin is in as good a shape as I am, even better," Christie, who was training with him in Monte Carlo last week, said.

Jackson was not about to argue. Who would his rivals be, he was asked. "I think the silver medal is wide open."

Noureddine Morceli was due in last night for the 1,500 metres heats today after his posturing over payment to take part.

TIMETABLE

All times BST

0900 Decathlon 100m (m), 0920 High jump qual (w), 0930 100m hurdles 1st rd (w), 0955 Decathlon long jump (m), 1015 110m hurdles 1st rd (m); 1100 3000m steeplechase 1st rd (m), 1130 Decathlon shot put (m), 1150 200m 2nd rd (m); 1500 Decathlon high jump (m), 1600 Pole vault final (m); 1620 Long jump qual (m); 1630 200m semi-finals (w), 1650 1500m 1st rd (m), 1730 100m hurdles semi-finals (w), 1810 200m semi-finals (m), 1820 Decathlon final (w); 1830 400m hurdles final (w); 1850 400m hurdles final (m), 1910 Decathlon 400m (m); 1940 200m final (w); 1955 10,000m 1st rd (w)

Americans remain too insular



David Miller in Stuttgart looks at why the United States fares so badly at world and Olympic level

So the *Cen-tennery O-Lympic* Games are going to be *At-lannah*, are they? Just listen to a true story.

Professor David Martin, a sports physiologist at Georgia State University, returns home in 1988 and gives a roll of film for development to his local pharmacist, telling him to be careful not to lose it. It's the Olympic Games.

"The Lympics, eh? Whair w's'at?" "Seoul." *"Whair s'at?"* "South Korea. Lewis v Johnson!" *"Who?"* "Lewis against Johnson in the 100 metres." *"Hundred meeters? Is'sat long?"*

Such is the insularity with which track and field is competing in the United States. Carl Lewis and Andre Cason rank somewhere behind snooker in the armchair ratings. Lewis's 100 metres victory in Los Angeles, 1984, only just makes the all-time top 40 television viewing figures.

The Olympics just about break the surface in American sports awareness: track and field, the leading Olympic sport, is almost unrecognised nowadays and the country cannot financially sustain a single grand prix meeting, never mind bid to host the world championships.

A consequence of the combination of insularity and financial deprivation — alongside the dominant professional World (!) Series and basketball — is that the United States, with ten times or more the number of distance runners, including at altitude, compared with Kenya, still produces few championship medal-winners.

Black athletes, for whom the sport opens social and financial doors, as ever dominate world sprinting, jumping and hurdling abroad. White middle and long-distance runners, content with the convenient environment of domestic road-racing, with its moderate profit horizons, stay home.

In eight post-war Olympic Games up to 1976, in the six distances from 800 metres to marathon, the United States won 15 medals, almost two per Games. In the three Olympics and four world championships since 1983, they have won seven: one per championship. In the same latter period, Kenya have won 17 Olympic and, up to today, ten world championship medals over these distances. The United States has not won a single gold since Frank Shorter's marathon in 1976 and Dave Wottle's 800 metres in 1972.



Scott: Helsinki silver

The best post-Moscow 1980 performance has been Steve Scott's 1,500 metres silver behind Steve Cram in the first world championship in Helsinki. Jim Spivey, again a 1,500 metres contender here at 33, has made three finals but never been placed.

Martin, who runs several coaching schools, said: "It's a two-fold problem. First, those who do run track don't get domestic experience of heats and semis for championships. The sub-competitions, such as the Pan-American Games, are relatively weak so they are not able to develop racing strategy. Bob Kennedy missing the 5,000 metres final this week by slowing in the semi was an example.

"Second, to be at the top, our runners need to go to Europe, where the real competition is. But that's very foreign and uncomfortable, probably cold, with strange languages and noisy hotels, maybe sharing a room with a Finn or an Italian. They have to take a plane, a bus or maybe a boat: no one is there to meet them.

"They perform poorly and the whole experience sets them up for failure. What is worse, no one knows what they have been doing when they get home."

Too often in Europe, lesser runners, if accepted by the promoter, find their event has been altered to suit favoured runners. "That's not athletics, that's politics," Martin said.

Scott, who is still the fourth fastest miler (3min 47.69sec) behind Cram, Aouita and Coe, and Spivey, ninth fastest at 1,500 metres (3:31.01), solved the difficulty by setting up base in London with their wives. Domestic separation is a further problem for Americans.

"Either they bring their wives or girlfriends, which is a distraction and financial drain, or they spend a fortune phoning home," Martin said. "The bottom line for a wife is not 'Darling, did you run well' but 'How many dollars did you make' or 'When are you coming home?'. So most of them don't give themselves the time and devotion in Europe to become good and opt for road racing at home, which is an easier route to satisfaction."

The road racing standard is high. A 10km in 28min 20sec is worth a mid-27 minutes on the track. Todd Williams, the best American hope in the 10,000 metres here on Sunday, has a season's best of 27:40, unlikely to worry the Kenyans, Ethiopians and Mexicans. Williams, from Knoxville, Tennessee, has turned down road-racing offers of $100,000 (about £67,000) for what he regards as the sparkle of the international track scene.

SPORT IN BRIEF

Rider dies after fall at Tythrop trials

EQUESTRIANISM suffered its fourth rider fatality since May when Vanessa Weaver died yesterday as a result of a fall at the Tythrop Park Horse Trials, near Thame, Oxfordshire. Weaver, from Wooton Underwood in Oxfordshire, who was married with no children, was fatally injured when her horse, Kharon, landed on her after a fall at fence 15, a sloping ascending set of rails.

The first fatality this year occurred at the Windsor three-day event in May, when Richard Adams died in a fall at the table fence. Nine days later, Malcolm Munro-Kerr was fatally injured in a fall at the Lowesby Horse Trials in Leicestershire and, the following week, Mark Holliday, from Ashkirk, in the Borders, died at Hexham Horse Trials.

A working party concluded that the three fatalities were due to different reasons and could not be blamed on the fences concerned. It did, however, recommend modifications to table fences, at which three of the last eight fatalities have occurred.

Eyres leaves Widnes

RUGBY LEAGUE: Richard Eyres, the Great Britain second-row forward, became the sixth international to leave Widnes in as many weeks yesterday when he joined Leeds, having refused to accept a less lucrative contract. Widnes wanted £350,000 for Eyres, but Leeds offered substantially less plus a player, so the fee will almost certainly be resolved by a tribunal. There was some consolation for Phil Larder, the Widnes coach, who has seen the squad that reached the Challenge Cup final less than four months ago disintegrate, when he learnt that Emosi Koloto, the Tongan forward who underwent surgery on his neck after being advised to stop playing, will be available this season.

Farr-Jones doubtful

RUGBY UNION: Australia have three players doubtful for the deciding third international against South Africa in Sydney on Saturday, with their former captain, Nick Farr-Jones, the main concern. Farr-Jones has a strained thigh muscle, Ilie Tabua a hamstring strain and the captain, Phil Kearns, an Achilles tendon injury. Andre Joubert, a full back, replaces Hugh Reece-Edwards in the South Africa team. Joubert's accurate kicking gave South Africa a win by 31-20 over Sydney yesterday. The only other change in the South African side is the inclusion of Ian MacDonald, a flanker, for Deon Lotter.

Holders foiled in final

BOWLS: Rob Robinson and Richard Brittan, of Erdington Court, Birmingham, won the Sanatogen English Bowling Association pairs championship at Worthing yesterday, beating the holders, Gary Smith and Andy Thomson, 25-24, in an extraordinary final. In becoming the first Warwickshire pair to win this title, Robinson and Brittan did not take the lead until the last end. They had trailed 15-3 and 24-13, but then scored three, six and two to tie the match 24-24. On the 21st, Erdington Court held the shot until Thomson tipped it out. With his last delivery, Brittan stole the shot with a deflection and Thomson's last bowl ran harmlessly past.

Chance to restore pride

RUGBY UNION: England schools 18 group have the chance to regain lost pride on Saturday when they take on New Zealand in Dunedin. Having suffered their first junior home international whitewash last season, the England squad have repaired some of the damage on their seven-match tour of New Zealand but now face their stiffest test. England warmed up for the international match with a 59-13 win over Hanon Shield Schools in Ashburton but were not as dominant as the score would suggest. Ashforth, the stand-off half, scored a try and kicked four conversions and two penalties.

Venables seeks time

FOOTBALL: Terry Venables wants more time to produce the money that will guarantee the High Court case attempting to force the Tottenham chairman, Alan Sugar, to sell his 47 per cent holding in the club goes ahead. Venables, the former Tottenham chief executive, was ordered to produce £300,000 by today as security for costs in case the verdict went Sugar's way. But Venables's solicitors have told their counterparts acting for Tottenham and Sugar that he is unable to comply with the High Court instruction and wants another 21 days in which to come up with the money.

Windfall for Jansher

SQUASH: Jansher Khan, the world champion, yesterday signed a sponsorship deal which will bring him at least £17,000, plus bonuses, this year. The contract, with a courier service, covers the Pakistani's appearance in next month's Dubai Classic and the Qatar International and World Open in Karachi in November. It could be extended to other venues next year if successful. The agreement represents a change of fortune for Jansher, who has been shunned by sponsors for much of his career because of bad publicity over his private life.

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Rain checks progress of Walker Cup

FROM JOHN HOPKINS, GOLF CORRESPONDENT, IN MINNEAPOLIS

IF EVER a place lived up to its name then Interlachen Country Club, in Minneapolis, did yesterday. A tornado hit this part of Minnesota in the early morning causing the reorganisation of the Walker Cup at the country club that, in a literal translation, means between lakes.

Michael Bonallack, secretary of the Royal and Ancient Golf Club, reported that he thought the windows of his hotel were going to be blown in during the storm. The American team was unable to leave its hotel at 7am because of the severity of the wind. After the wind came the rain — 1½ inches in a few hours in the early morning. Forty green-keeping staff were involved in mopping up the water and getting the course ready for play.

The storm caused the complete alteration of the 34th Walker Cup. The first day's play was delayed until 1.30pm and, under the revised format agreed between the two captains, ten singles would be played on the first day, and four foursomes and a further ten singles on the second day. Though this shortened format broke with tradition, it had the advantage of ensuring that all players got at least two games and that the 24 points traditionally at stake remain the same.

George Macgregor, the Great Britain and Ireland captain, said: "We readily agreed to the format — and it makes my job easier. I don't have to decide who to leave out of the singles."

The teams were due to fly on to Houston to compete in the US Amateur Championship next week, which would have made it difficult to hold play over until tomorrow morning. So would the fact that there is a convention in Minneapolis and hotel rooms are at a premium.

It may be that the format of future Walker Cup matches will be changed and that all ten players will play in both sets of singles in future instead of only eight of the ten, which has always been the case. Macgregor said he was neither for nor against such a proposal. "I just haven't had a chance to think about it," he said.

Iain Pyman, the amateur champion, led off against Allen Doyle, the 45-year-old American, in the top singles, followed by Mathew Stanford against David Berganio, the highly-experienced American who has won the American Public Links championship for the past three years and also qualified for the US Open at Baltusrol this year.

Van Phillips and Bradley Dredge, the two GB & Ireland players who were to have been rested from the afternoon singles, were included in the revised singles. They were due to play Brian Gay, who is making his Walker Cup debut, and John Harris, 41, who comes from Edina, a suburb of Minneapolis.

Owners avert threat of baseball strike

BY ROBERT KIRLEY

BASEBALL club owners gave written assurances this week that they would not lock the major-league players out of spring training next year or change salary arbitration rules this winter, heading off the possibility of a players' strike for a year.

The letter, written by the owners' negotiator, Richard Ravitch, formalised announcements made after 30 hours of meetings near Milwaukee late last week. Agents said the players would not risk a strike, tentatively scheduled for next month, before the play-offs and World Series, now that another close season under the present agreement was certain.

The players had contemplated a strike because they feared the owners would declare an impasse after the existing four-year collective-bargaining agreement expires on December 31. The declaration of an impasse would have allowed the owners to impose new work rules. Baseball has been stopped by four strikes and three lockouts since 1972.

The average major-league salary is about $1.2 million (£800,000). The owners want the players to agree to a salary cap in exchange for sharing a percentage of revenue with the owners, as in the National Basketball Association.

Jack McDowell became the first 19-game winner on Tuesday as Steve Sax doubled home the winning run in the sixth inning to lead the Chicago White Sox, the leaders of the American League West, to a 3-2 victory over Boston.

The Atlanta Braves won their seventh game in a row, 3-2, over the Los Angeles Dodgers, to move to 6½ games behind the San Francisco Giants in the National League West. The Braves, league champions last year, will play the Giants six times in nine games starting next Monday.

Roberto Alomar's three-run home run highlighted a five-run first inning as the Toronto Blue Jays, the leaders of the American League East, beat the Cleveland Indians 6-4 for their fourth successive victory.

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TABLES

NATIONAL LEAGUE

East division	W	L	Pct	GB
Philadelphia	76	43	.639	–
St Louis	67	52	.563	9
Montreal	63	57	.525	13½
Chicago	59	60	.496	17
Pittsburgh	57	63	.475	19½
Florida	51	68	.428	25
New York	41	78	.345	35
West division				
San Francisco	79	40	.664	–
Atlanta	73	47	.608	6½
Houston	62	57	.521	17
Los Angeles	59	59	.500	19½
Cincinnati	60	62	.492	20½
San Diego	46	74	.383	33½
Colorado	43	75	.364	35½

AMERICAN LEAGUE

East division	W	L	Pct	GB
Toronto	70	51	.579	–
New York	69	52	.570	1
Boston	64	54	.542	4½
Baltimore	63	57	.525	6½
Detroit	62	60	.508	8½
Cleveland	56	64	.462	14
Milwaukee	48	71	.403	21
West division				
Chicago	65	53	.551	–
Kansas City	62	57	.521	3½
Texas	61	58	.513	4½
Seattle	59	60	.496	6½
California	54	64	.458	11
Minnesota	52	64	.448	12
Oakland	49	68	.419	15½

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BBC1

6.00 Business Breakfast (37345)
7.00 Breakfast News (44318364)
9.05 Nature Trail. Wildlife in a forest in Finland (5309277) **9.30 White Horses** Robin and Louella Henbury-Tenison ride two white horses from the south of France to Bodmin Moor (r) (96839)
10.00 News (Ceefax) Regional news and weather (1791426) **10.05 Athletics** Desmond Lynam introduces coverage of the World Championship in Stuttgart. Including the 100m men's and women's hurdles and the decathlon (4969242)
11.00 News Regional news and weather (8178513) **11.05 Knots Landing.** *Dallas* spin-off (r) (9926109) **11.50 Town Portraits.** Bishop Auckland in County Durham (r) (7092180)
12.00 News Regional news and weather (5494068) **12.05 Man on the Rim.** Dr Alan Thorne examines the sculpture and architecture skills of American Indian tribes in Mexico (5438726) **12.55 Regional news** and weather (71299074)
1.00 One O'Clock News with Edward Stourton (Ceefax) Weather (99068)
1.30 Neighbours. (Ceefax) (s) (80863600) **1.50 Going for Gold** Henry Kelly hosts the European quiz show (s) (80947616)
2.15 Film: Uncle Tom's Cabin (1987). Avery Brooks stars in an adaptation of Harriet Beecher Stowe's anti-slavery novel. Uncle Tom risks his life to help other slaves obtain their freedom. With Phylicia Rashad, Bruce Dern and Edward Woodward. Directed by Stan Lathan (821819)
4.10 Children's BBC: Orville and Cuddles. Cartoon (r) (9544267) **4.15 The All New Popeye Show** (r) (2966180) **4.35 Dizzy Heights.** Children's puppet series (r) (s) (3873635) **5.00 Newsround** (2062451) **5.10 Record Breakers.** The underwater kissing record (r). (Ceefax) (s) (3642884)
5.35 Neighbours (Ceefax) (s) (134432) **Northern Ireland.** Inside Ulster
6.00 Six O'Clock News with Anna Ford and Andrew Harvey (Ceefax) Weather (906)
6.30 Regional news magazines (258) **Northern Ireland:** Neighbours (r) (Ceefax) (s)
7.00 Top of the Pops with Mark Franklin (5242)


Surprises galore: Treacher, centre (7.30pm)

7.30 EastEnders. Arthur's (Bill Treacher) birthday is full of surprises. (Ceefax) (s) (242)
8.00 The Russ Abbot Show. Comic mayhem in which the comedian explores the advantages of being overweight. With Les Dennis, Bella Emberg and Sherrie Hewson. (r) (s) (7890)
8.30 Crime Limited (Ceefax). (s) See Choice (9187)
9.00 Nine O'Clock News with Michael Buerk. (Ceefax) Regional news and weather (4161)
9.30 Julie Walters in Her Big Chance. A monologue by Alan Bennett, first shown in the 1988 *Talking Heads* series. A bit-part actress is offered a starring role in a video. (Ceefax) (s) (303889)
10.05 BBC Proms. Live from the Albert Hall, London, the New Orleans trumpeter Wynton Marsalis plays with his septet. A simultaneous broadcast with Radio 3 (s) (1645345)
11.20 Cricket: Sixth Test. Highlights of the first day's play from the Oval (s) (904093)
12.00 Golf Great Britain and Ireland v United States of America compete in the Walker Cup in Minnesota (4468117) **1.15-1.20am Weather** (4821136)

BBC2

6.45 Open University: The Universe Today (2655180) **7.10** Barnacle Geese A Natural Model (7187364) **7.35** Materials (3122797)
8.00 Breakfast News (4861529)
8.15 Ghostwriter. Episode four (r) (s) (1418345)
8.40 Through the Garden Gate. The Old Barn at Fremington in north Devon (r) (6394987)
9.05 Clowning Around. Children's drama (r). (Ceefax) (s) (9959987) **9.25 Why Don't You..?** Discover the real world of desktop publishing (r) (s) (7973277) **10.05 Playdays** (s) (3787635) **10.25 Run the Risk** Game show (r) (s) (3690155) **10.50 The O-Zone.** Music and videos (s) (6543635)
10.55 Cricket: Sixth Test. Live from the Oval, Tony Lewis introduces the first day's play in the final test between England and Australia (59718890)
1.00 Athletics. News of the 200m and 3000m steeplechase and the decathlon from the World Championship in Stuttgart (21013529)
1.20 Bertha. Animation (r) (84631258)
1.35 Cricket: Sixth Test. Further coverage of the match between England and Australia from the Oval (41197068) **3.50 News.** (Ceefax) and weather. Regional news and weather (1949258)
4.00 Athletics and Cricket: Sixth Test. Play continues between England and Australia at the Oval, and at the World Athletics Championship in Stuttgart, the line-up is: **4.30** women's 200m semi-finals, **4.50** men's 1500m first round; **5.30** women's 100m hurdles semi-finals; **5.50** men's 110m hurdles semi-finals; **6.10** men's 200m semi-finals; **6.20** women's discus final, **6.30** women's 400m hurdles final; **6.50** men's 400m hurdles final, **7.10** men's 400m decathlon, **7.40** women's 200m final (2138616)
8.00 Hartsop Magic. Alan Wear, who farms 1,700 acres below the Kirkstone Pass, Hartsop, in Cumbria, bemoans the increase of bureaucracy (r) (5432)
8.30 The Travel Show. Penny Junor presents reports from Brittany and the New Forest. With Paddy Haycocks and Carol Smillie (4567)
9.00 A Bit of Fry and Laurie. Comedy sketches written by and starring Stephen Fry and Hugh Laurie (r). (Ceefax) (s) (2703)
9.30 Pandora's Box: To the Brink of Eternity (colour and b/w) (r). (Ceefax) See Choice (61722)
10.30 Newsnight with Peter Snow. (Ceefax) (850548)


Rolling along: American Music Club (11.15pm)

11.15 No Stilettos. Eddi Reader hosts the innovative music show from the Cottier in Glasgow. With Mark Eitzel, the *Rolling Stone* magazine's writer of the year, and his band the American Music Club; the singer-songwriter Boo Hewerdine; and the Irish group, the Cranberries (r) (s) (814426)
11.55 Weather (539513) **12.00 Jumpcuts.** This weekend's Open University programmes (9779310)
12.05am Becoming a Student. Information from the Open University (6904001). Ends at **12.35**

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CHOICE


Only in LA: sixties' guru Timothy Leary (C4, 9.00pm)

Witness: LA Divine
Channel 4, 9.00pm

Vanity Fair journalist Christopher Hitchens takes a stern look at the spiritual cults of Los Angeles in this second film in the series on personal beliefs. A wordy critic who hides behind his dark glasses, Hitchens clearly believes that he is walking among mad people. "Only in Los Angeles could the atomic bomb have been declared divine," he laments, as he introduces us to the Holy Superet Light Church. Later he deplores the "triumph of kitsch over mortality" at the florid Forest Lawn Memorial Park where the statues speak to the mourners. Elsewhere in the programme there is a consideration of television evangelist Robert Schuller, and a stilted chat with the embarrassing sixties' guru Timothy Leary.

Pandora's Box: To the Brink of Eternity
BBC2, 9.30pm

This alarming programme, a worthy repeat, traces the *rise and fall of the Rand* corporation, the American think-tank which inspired the film *Dr Strangelove*. During the Cold War, Rand analysts believed a nuclear war would become a rational game of tit for tat, but the Cuban missile crisis showed that in times of stress, fear dictates policy. The final nail in the analysts' coffin came after the Vietnam war when protesters exposed how statistics had been manipulated to fool the American public into thinking the United States was winning. By the time Ronald Reagan came to power, rational thinking no longer ruled. It's replacement was science-fiction, which provided the seed for Reagan's Star Wars vision.

Crime Limited
BBC1, 8.30pm (Scotland 8.00pm)

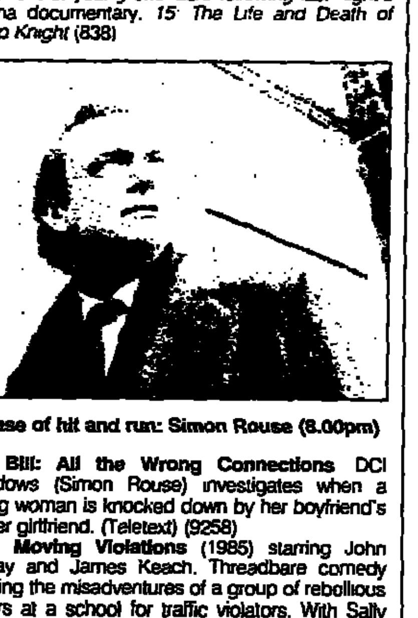
Three important issues come under scrutiny in this week's edition of the crime programme. From south east London comes a disturbing report on how racist taunts led to the murder of black teenager, Rolan Adams. His parents believe that previous racist attacks in the area were not treated with the seriousness they deserved. An item on Penny Black, the codename for a housewife who has become an influential police informer, makes us examine our own consciences. Would we, like her, lose friendships and endanger our own lives, to prevent crime? Finally, the regular "landmark" case recalls the trial of Renee Duffy, a 19-year-old battered wife who killed her husband in 1948, a case which had people wondering whether murder was ever justified. The court's controversial verdict set a legal precedent.

Dinosaur Footprints: Flesh on the Bones
Channel 4, 8.00pm

This series has been quietly revealing incredible developments in palaeontology. Many of us were taught that dinosaurs lumbered about tropical forests waiting to become extinct. This programme, graphically illustrated with animations, suggests that some dinosaurs could canter along at 20 miles per hour. Experts now believe that they had a high metabolism and were active in a way that is more reminiscent of birds than reptiles. Some scientists are even saying that dinosaurs were warm-blooded. What science needs now, says the narrator, Barbara Feldon, is imagination.
Stephanie Billen

ITV LONDON

6.00 GMTV presented by Michael Wilson, Lorraine Kelly and Eamonn Holmes (4808906)
9.25 Adventures of the Galaxy Rangers Cartoon with the galactic crime fighters (r) (5314109) **9.50 London Today** and weather (2041971)
9.55 Anna — Ballerina. Anna trains for a dance competition in Paris (r) (s) (5971987) **10.55 News** headlines (6539432)
11.00 James Bond Jr Cartoon (6556109) **11.25 Win, Lose or Draw** Game show (6453068) **11.55 London Today** and weather (9164819)
12.00 Cartoon (r) (7452426) **12.10 The Riddlers** Entertainment for children (r) (2210109)
12.30 Lunchtime News with Nicholas Owen and Carol Barnes. (Teletext) (3867635) **1.05 London Today** and weather (84656567)
1.15 Home and Away (Teletext) (513529) **1.45 A Country Practice.** Medical drama (s) (432600)
2.15 House Style A visit to the castle home of Sir David Steel, MP. Presented by Dilly Barlow and Alistair Macdonald (537109)
2.45 Take the High Road. Scottish soap (3330987) **3.10 News** headlines (1916364) **3.15 London Today.** (Teletext) and weather (1915635)
3.20 The Young Doctors. Hospital drama (2530971)
3.50 Children's ITV: The Wisdom of the Gnomes Animation (6892529) **4.15 Rolf's Cartoon Club** (r) (193044) **4.45 Tiny Toon Adventures.** Cartoon adventures (r) (3864987)
5.10 Home and Away (r) (Teletext) (2052364)
5.40 Early Evening News with John Suchet. (Teletext) Weather (671068)
6.00 London Tonight (Teletext) (95664)
7.00 Emmerdale. Rachel loses a friend (Teletext) (3838)
7.30 3-D *John Stapleton chairs a discussion on the treatment of young offenders following last night's drama documentary. 15: The Life and Death of Philip Knight* (838)


A case of hit and run: Simon Rouse (8.00pm)

8.00 The Bill: All the Wrong Connections DCI Meadows (Simon Rouse) investigates when a young woman is knocked down by her boyfriend's former girlfriend. (Teletext) (9258)
8.30 Film: Moving Violations (1985) starring John Murray and James Keach. Threadbare comedy charting the misadventures of a group of rebellious drivers at a school for traffic violators. With Sally Kellerman. Directed by Neal Israel (78819)
10.00 News at Ten with John Suchet. (Teletext) Weather (74600) **10.30 London Tonight** (512426)
10.40 Metroland. Emmanuel Cooper's film, *Roughly Art*, proves that there is an artist in all of us (s) (176987)
11.10 Film: Blackout (1985) starring Richard Widmark and Keith Carradine. Private eye Joe Steiner becomes obsessed with solving an old murder case. Directed by Douglas Hickox (654722)
1.05am The Twilight Zone. Two eerie tales (6149933)
1.35 Hollywood Report. Katie Wagner talks to Jim Abrahams, the director of *Hot Shots 2* (s) (6747556)
2.00 Donahue. Phil Donahue talks to people who hate parents with too many children (79827)
3.00 Quiz Night. This week's pub quiz features teams from The Bowling Green v The Black Bull (29049)
3.30 America's Top Ten (r) (s) (23914)
4.00 Entertainment UK. Arts magazine (r) (s) (21339)
5.00 Riviera. French drama serial (91778)
5.30 ITN Morning News (99759). Ends at **6.00**

CHANNEL 4

6.30 Heathcliff Cartoon fun with the naughty feline (1911890) **6.45 Wowser** The animated adventures of a dog and his friends (1134345)
7.00 The Big Breakfast introduced by Chris Evans and Gaby Roslin (85819)
9.00 Saved by the Bell. American high school comedy drama (64277)
9.30 Star Street Cartoon fun with characters from the zodiac (r) (2880819)
9.55 Kid 'n' Play. Animated adventures (r) (2898838)
10.25 Kelly. The children search for a group of dog kidnappers (r) (2131548) **10.55 The Adventures of Tintin.** Another story with Hergé's hero (6639664)
11.20 The Henderson Kids Family drama series from Australia (6558567)
11.50 Cow on the Moon. A girl turns the tables on a condescending boy in Dusan Vukotic's animation from Croatia (r) (7085890)
12.00 High 5. Snow-dancing on skis, otherwise known as French boogie (r) (71513)
12.30 Sesame Street. The singer Bobby McFerrin is today's guest on the early learning series (r) (27971)
1.30 Alfred J. Kwak. The cartoon adventures of a musical duck (r) (94906)
2.00 Channel 4 Racing from York introduced by Brough Scott. The line-up is **2.05** Mooresfyle Convivial Maiden Stakes; **2.35** Lowther Stakes, **3.10** Keeneland Nunthorpe Stakes; **3.45** Bradford and Bingley Stakes, **4.15** Ladbroke Knavesmire Handicap (994600)
4.30 Countdown Richard Whiteley presents the words and numbers game (Teletext) (s) (451)
5.00 Oprah Gold Oprah Winfrey meets a Mormon family comprising one man, his nine wives and their 20 children (r) (Teletext) (7192616)
5.50 The Magic Roundabout (278616)
6.00 Hypnosis. Dance music magazine featuring Yazz and Aswad (r) (616)
6.30 A Different World: Do the Write Thing. American comedy series. Lena (Jada Pickett) wins a journalism scholarship (s) (628)
7.00 News with Jon Snow (Teletext) Weather (186567)
7.50 Comment (708987)
8.00 Dinosaur Footprints: Flesh on the Bones (Teletext) See Choice (9109)
9.00 Witness: LA Divine (Teletext) (s) See Choice (9345)
10.00 Go Fishing John Wilson examines East Anglia's stocking policy and goes fly-fishing for trout in Rutland Water (r) (s) (344277)


Emotional minefield: women in love (10.35pm)

10.35 Summer's Out: Out on Strike. The season of films on gay and lesbian issues continues with this humorous story of two miners' wives who meet and fall in love during the 1984 strike (175258)
11.05 Summer's Out: Storm in a Teacup. Lesbians and gay men recall the London gay scene from the 1940s to the 1970s. There is also an introduction to the secret language of *Polari* (r). (Teletext) (659426)
12.05am Film: Playing Away (1986) starring Norman Beaton, Robert Urquhart and Nicholas Farrell. Satire on multi-racial Britain about a charity cricket match between Suffolk villagers and a visiting team of West Indians from Brixton. Directed by Horace Ove (592469). Ends at **2.00**

VARIATIONS

ANGLIA
As London except: 9.25am C.O.P.S. (5314109) **5.10-5.40** Blockbusters (2052364) **6.00** Home and Away (540345) **6.25-7.00** Anglia News (406548) **8.30** Survival (1093) **9.00-10.00** A Chance to Dance (1703) **10.40** A Chance to Dance (876971) **11.40** Prisoner: Cell Block H (357161) **12.35am** Superstars of Wrestling (4118488) **1.15** America's Top Ten (62223) **1.45** Film: Prelude to Fame (264466) **3.25** Stage 2 (8697662) **4.30** Riviera (33675643) **4.55-5.30** Jobfinder (6701556)

CENTRAL
As London except: 9.25am Donald Takes a Holiday (5314109) **1.15** A Country Practice (513529) **1.45-2.15** Home and Away (432600) **3.20-3.50** Deepwater Haven (2530971) **5.10-5.40** Gardening Time (2052364) **6.00** Home and Away (540345) **6.25** Central News (558364) **6.55-7.00** Life Line (677258) **8.30** Survival (1093) **9.00-10.00** A Chance to Dance (1703) **10.40** A Chance to Dance (876971) **11.40** The Twilight Zone (307105) **12.05am** Hollywood Report (6908827) **12.35** The Little Picture Show (5363372) **1.35** Cinema, Cinema, Cinema (9245846) **2.05** America's Top Ten (6597223) **2.35** Raw Power (9920914) **3.35** Quiz Night (32698925) **4.05** Jobfinder (2404196) **5.20-5.30** Asian Eye (9682594)

HTV WEST
As London except: 9.25am Zorro (5314109) **1.05pm-1.15** HTV News and Weather (84656567) **6.00** HTV News (154) **6.30-7.00** Disaster Chronicles (426) **8.30** Survival (1093) **9.00-10.00** A Chance to Dance (1703) **10.30** HTV News and Weather (512426) **10.40** A Chance to Dance (876971) **11.40** Let Loose (744838) **11.55** Prisoner: Cell Block H (286838) **12.35am** Superstars of Wrestling (4118488) **1.15** America's Top Ten (62223) **1.45** Film: Prelude to Fame (264466) **3.25** Stage 2 (8697662) **4.25** Night Shift (86225469) **4.30** Riviera (33675643) **4.55-5.30** Jobfinder (6701556)

HTV WALES
As HTV WEST except: 1.05pm-1.15 HTV Wales News and Weather (84656567) **6.00** Wales at Six (154) **6.30-7.00** The Really Helpful Programme (426) **10.30-10.40** HTV Wales News and Weather (512426) **11.40-11.55** Weekend Ahead! (744838)

MERIDIAN
As London except: 9.25am The Haunted School (5314109) **1.05pm-1.15** Meridian News and Weather (84656567) **3.15** Meridian News (1915635) **3.20-3.50** All Together Now (2530971) **5.37-5.40** Boredom Busters (275529) **6.00** Meridian Tonight (154) **6.30-7.00** Grass Roots (426) **8.30** Survival (1093) **9.00-10.00** A Chance to Dance (1703) **10.30** *Meridian News and Weather* (512426) **10.40** A Chance to Dance (876971) **11.40** Prisoner: Cell Block H (357161) **12.35am-1.35** The Trials of Rosie O'Neill (5363372) **5.00-5.30** Freescreen (91778)

TYNE-TEES
As London except: 9.25am C.O.P.S. (5314109) **1.05pm** Tyne Tees News (58846744) **1.10-1.15** Lookaround (51096267) **5.55** Tyne Tees News (152180) **6.30-7.00** Blockbusters (426) **8.30** Survival (1093) **9.00-10.00** A Chance to Dance (1703) **10.30** Tyne Tees News (512426) **10.40** A Chance to Dance (876971) **11.40** Prisoner: Cell Block H (357161) **12.35am** Film: The Renegades (752049) **2.15** America's Top Ten (53575) **2.45** Cinema, Cinema, Cinema (52846) **3.15** Film: The Siege of Pinchgut (Donald Sinden) (901575) **5.05-5.30** Jobfinder (9209223)

WESTCOUNTRY
As London except: 9.25am The Haunted School (5314109) **1.05pm-1.15** Westcountry Latest (84656567) **1.45-2.15** Blockbusters (432600) **3.20-3.50** A Country Practice (2530971) **6.00-7.00** Westcountry Live (95664) **8.30** Survival (1093) **9.00-10.00** A Chance to Dance (1703) **10.30** Westcountry Latest (512426) **10.40** A Chance to Dance (876971) **11.40** Prisoner: Cell Block H (357161) **12.35am** Worldwide Wrestling (4118488) **1.15** America's Top Ten (62223) **1.45** Film: Prelude to Fame (264466) **3.25** Stage 2 (8697662) **4.25** Night Shift (86225469) **4.30** Riviera (33675643) **4.55-5.30** Jobfinder (6701556)

YORKSHIRE
As London except: 9.25am C.O.P.S. (5314109) **1.05pm-1.15** Calendar News (84656567) **5.55** Calendar News (152180) **6.30-7.00** Blockbusters (426) **8.30** Survival (1093) **9.00-10.00** A Chance to Dance (1703) **10.30** Calendar News (512426) **10.40** A Chance to Dance (876971) **11.40** Prisoner: Cell Block H (357161) **12.35am** Film: The Renegades (752049) **2.15** America's Top Ten (53575) **2.45** Cinema, Cinema, Cinema (52846) **3.15** Film: The Siege of Pinchgut (901575) **5.05-5.30** Jobfinder (9209223)

S4C
Starts: 7.00am The Big Breakfast (85819) **9.00** Saved by the Bell (64277) **9.30** Star Street (2880819) **9.55** Kid 'n' Play (6027722) **10.20** Kelly (3782180) **10.45** The Adventures of Tintin (4173088) **11.10** The Henderson Kids (6174895) **11.36** Alfred J. Kwak (8053635) **12.05pm** High 5 (8215258) **12.30** Sesame Street (27971) **1.30** Opening Shot (94906) **2.00** Channel 4 Racing (994600) **4.30** The Levellers (451) **5.00** Countdown (1616) **5.30** The Cosby Show (703) **6.00** Newyddion (900703) **6.10** Heno (422971) **7.00** Jacpot (4180) **7.30** O'r Grand (84426) **8.30** Newyddion (696838) **8.55** Film. To Be or Not to Be (86934242) **10.50** Film: Cal (Helen Mirren, John Lynch) (38604703) **12.45am** Moments of Crisis (63952)

SATELLITE

SKY ONE
6.00am Cartoons (5013695) **6.20** Lamb Chops Play-a-Long (1989068) **6.50** The DJ Kat Show (51489190) **9.30** The Pyramid Game (44971) **10.00** Card Sharks (6071451) **10.25** Concentration (7983161) **10.50** Dynamo Duck (2311677) **11.00** Sally Jessy Raphael (26180) **12.00** E Street (14203) **12.30pm** Three's Company (28987) **1.00** Falcon Crest (43242) **2.00** Once an Eagle (8460109) **2.55** Another World (2866432) **3.45** The DJ Kat Show (5115161) **5.00** Star Trek: The Next Generation (6703) **6.00** Games World (6265) **6.30** E Street (1987) **7.00** Rescue (7432) **7.30** Full House (7971) **8.00** Paper Chase (66161) **9.00** Chances (80797) **10.00** Star Trek: The Next Generation (83884) **11.00-12.00** The Streets of San Francisco (14345)

SKY NEWS
News on the hour.
6.00am Sunrise (1443797) **9.30** ABC Nightline (19093) **10.30** Beyond 2000 (95971) **11.30** Business Report (56221) **12.30pm** Business Report (79987) **1.30** CBS This Morning (65364) **2.30** Beyond 2000 (7548) **3.30** ABC Nightline (58659) **4.30** Business Report (4884) **5.00** Live at Five (439451) **7.30** *Financial Times* Reports (5513) **9.30** Talkback (85249) **11.30** CBS News (93635) **12.30am** ABC News (59865) **1.30** CBS News (95440) **2.30** Beyond 2000 (34488) **3.30** CBS News (39933) **4.30** *FT* Reports (24440) **5.30** CBS News (37933)

SKY MOVIES PLUS
6.00am Showcase (3603635)
10.00 Rock-A-Doodle (1991): Fun-filled mix of live action and animation (22703)
12.00 The Doomsday Flight (1966): An aeroplane carries explosive cargo (98819)
2.00pm Ernest Scared Stupid (1991): Jim Varney returns as the lovable hero (70364)
4.00 Safari 3000 (1982): David Carradine in a car-race comedy across Africa (1635)
6.00 Lionheart: The Children's Crusade (1987): A band of juvenile knights travel to the Holy Land (87600)
8.00 Till Murder Do Us Part II (1992): Trial of a spurned spouse (Meredith Baxter) turned murderer (62345)
10.00 Scanners 2: The New Order (1990): Psychic terror across America (214093)
11.45 Plan of Attack (1992): Loni Anderson is menaced by a rapist (967093)
1.30am Blind Fury (1989): Rutger Hauer as the blind samurai hero (88399136)
3.45 Blue Heat (1990). Brian Dennehy investigates corruption in Los Angeles (570020). Ends at **5.30**

SKY MOVIES GOLD
6.00pm Footlight Parade (1933, b/w): Hollywood stars gather for a musical (58180)
8.00 The Pink Panther Strikes Again (1976). Peter Sellers saves the world (64797)
10.00 Risky Business (1983): Tom Cruise's star rose as the high school boy involved with a prostitute. With Rebecca De Mornay (384451). Ends at **11.35pm**

THE MOVIE CHANNEL
6.00am Ivory Hunters (1990): African adventure starring John Lithgow (58548)
8.00 You, Me and Uncle Bob (1992): Two children decide to play matchmaker (33398)
10.00 Dead on the Money (1991): Amanda Pays and Corbin Bernsen star in an actress — fan comedy thriller (20345)
12.00 Courage of Lassie (1946): Elizabeth Taylor befriends the dog (89161)
2.00pm King of the Hill (1990): Baseball drama with William Russ and Glenn Plummer (78906)
4.00 You, Me and Uncle Bob (as 8am) (8277)
6.00 Texasville (1990). Jeff Bridges plays an oil magnate losing his fortune (85242)
8.00 The Commitments (1991): Robert Arkins forms a rock'n'roll band (60987)
10.00 After Dark, My Sweet (1991). Rachel Ward, Jason Patric and Bruce Dern in excellent adaptation (333816)
11.55 Prey of the Chameleon (1991). A hitch-hiker of many colours (146068)
1.35am Miami Blues (1990): Unorthodox thriller of a sociopath, a detective and a prostitute (684846)
3.15 Cool Blue (1988): Woody Harrelson *pursues an unattainable woman* (823469) Ends at **4.45**

SKY SPORTS
7.00am Soccer News (3528364) **7.15** Prime Bodies (340635) **7.45** French Football (349908) **8.15** Soccer News (4918242) **8.30** Motor World (63161) **9.00** Prime Bodies (81513) **9.30** Sportsworld (18155) **10.00** Baseball (99345) **11.30** Baseball (81906) **12.00** Windsurfing (74277) **12.30pm** Ringside (23161) **2.30** Australian Rugby League (67432) **4.30** Tennis Magazine (8432) **5.00** Watersports World (5093) **6.00** Soccer News (630587) **6.15** Wrestling (755971) **7.00** F1 Grand Prix (26513) **8.00** Andy Gray's Boot Room (32631) **9.00** US PGA Golf — Live (18548) **11.00** FIA Rally Championships (63635) **12.00-1.00am** Motorsport (64662)

EUROSPORT
7.30am Aerobics (51890) **8.00** Athletics (45451) **9.00** Cycling (110109) **12.00** Athletics (47109) **2.00pm** ATP Tennis (12364) **4.00** Athletics (93797) **5.00** Cycling — Live from Norway (518659) **7.30** News (1529) **8.00** Mountainbike World Cup (7938) **8.30** NBA Basketball (6345) **9.00** Athletics (96838) **10.30** ATP Tennis (79722) **11.00** Motor Racing Magazine (58703) **12.00-12.30am** News (65730)

UK GOLD
7.00am The Raccoons (9152443) **7.30** Neighbours (2734708) **8.00** Sons and Daughters (1474616) **8.30** EastEnders (1473987) **9.00** The Bill (1497567) **9.30** The Onedin Line (1195258) **10.30** Juliet Bravo (2376890) **11.30** Rhoda (8052345) **12.00** Sons and Daughters (1477703) **12.30pm** Neighbours (5271616) **1.00** EastEnders (1186664) **1.30** The Bill (5270987) **2.00** 'Allo 'Allo' (1721074) **2.30** Three Up, Two Down (4677628) **3.00** Dallas (8058161) **4.00** Dynasty (8979068) **5.00** Blankety Blank (1649426) **5.30** Give Us A Clue (4483044) **6.00** Neighbours (3227187) **6.30** The Onedin Line (6059258) **7.30** 'Allo 'Allo! (8378631) **8.00** EastEnders (1741838) **8.30** Three Up, Two Down (1720345) **9.00** Juliet Bravo (1776838) **10.00** The Bill (1478432) **10.30** The Innes Book of Records (1487180) **11.00** Top of the Pops (9489631) **12.00** Dr Who (3618575) **12.30-1.50am** Film: Bengazi (1955, b/w): A search for hidden gold in North Africa. With Richard Conte and Victor McLaglen (84594643)

THE CHILDREN'S CHANNEL
6.00am Jack in the Box (59529) **7.00** The Care Bears Family (7276613) **7.55** Radkan II (2326762) **8.30** Hammerman (21155) **9.00** Pugwall's Summer (18635) **9.30** Rude Dog and the Dweebs (45277) **10.00** Chocky's Children (95345) **10.30** The New Adventures of He-man (14819) **11.00** Spiff and Hercules (13529) **11.30** Say Ahhh! (14258) **12.00** You Can't Do That on Television (55600) **1.00pm** The Dreamstone (25074) **1.30** Gravedale High (48364) **2.00** Adventure (5258) **2.30** Say Ahhh! (6277) **3.00** The Care Bears Family (2721635) **3.25** Radkan II (5350703) **3.30** The Berenstain Bears (1722) **4.00** Bobobobs (7529) **4.30** Earthworks (3513) **5.00** Fifteen (9838) **5.30** Saved By The Bell (4203) **6.00-7.00pm** Fame (51884)

RADIO 3

6.35am Open University: New Curiosity Shop — The Hawking Phenomenon
6.55 Weather
7.00 On Air: Mendelssohn (*Andante and Rondo Capriccioso*, Op 14: Annette Servadei, piano), Arne (Organ Concerto No 1 in C: Roger Bevan Williams, organ); Holst (St Paul's Suite: Academy of St Martin under Neville Marriner); Pfitzner (Cello Sonata in F sharp minor, Op 1. Gerhard Mantel, cello; Erika Frieser, piano)
9.00 Composer of the Week: Frescobaldi (Toccata No 2, Book 2: London Baroque under Charles Medlam with Stefano Innocenti, organ). Secular songs from Ana Musicali
9.45 BBC Philharmonic under Edward Downes performs Wagner (Overture: Die Meistersinger von Nürnberg); Beethoven (Piano Concerto No 1 in C); Myaskovsky (Symphony No 5 in D). With Kathryn Stott, piano
11.15 Prom Artist of the Week. Frank Peter Zimmermann performs Janacek (Violin Sonata); Mozart (Violin Concerto No 2 in D, K 211); Prokofiev, arr Heifetz (March, The Love for Three Oranges). Alexander Lonquich, piano
12.00 Late Mozart: Adagio and Rondo in C, K 617; Divertimento in E flat, K 563 (r)
1.00pm News
1.05 The Other Five: French chamber music from the Quatuor Prat with Jean Dupony, viola and François Michel, cello. Vincent d'Indy (Sextet, Op 92) (1/5)
1.35 Test Match Special: Ball-by-ball commentary of the sixth Test from the Oval
6.10 Evening Sequence
7.00 BBC Proms, live from the Albert Hall, London. BBC Symphony Orchestra under Andrew Davis performs Koechlin (Les Bandar-log); Prokofiev (Violin Concerto No 1 in D: with Maxim Vengerov, violin) **7.40** Helen Garrison finds out why *The Hawthorn Goddess*, a novel of a young girl coming of age in 18th-century Yorkshire, became the inspiration for Nicholas Sackman's new orchestral work **8.00** Sackman (Hawthorn: BBC commission, *debut*); Debussy (*La Mer*)
9.05 Adventures on the Grand Tour: Travel in the 1830s, read by Ralph Fiennes (r)
9.25 Italian Cantatas: Montéclair (*Morte di Lucretia*: Les Arts Florissants under William Christie); Handel (Mi palpita il cor. The Academy of Ancient Music under Christopher Hogwood with Emma Kirkby, soprano)
10.00 BBC Proms, live from the Albert Hall, London. A late night feast of jazz from the Wynton Marsalis Septet. Marsalis (trumpet); Walter Blanding (soprano and tenor saxophones); Wessell Anderson (alto saxophone); Wycliffe Gordon (trombone); Eric Reed (piano); Reginald Veal (bass); Herlin Riley (drums). Simultaneous broadcast with BBC1 television
11.30 Songs of Joaquín Rodrigo: Coplas del pastor enamorado; La espera; Doce Canciones españolas (excerpts); Cuatro madrigales amatorios; Tres Villancicos; Cancion del grumete; Cantigo de las esposa; Esta niña; Cuatro canciones sefardies; Canco del Teuladi; Trovadoresca
12.30-12.35am News

RADIO 4

5.55am Shipping **6.00** News Briefing incl **6.03** Weather **6.10** Farming Today **6.25** Prayer for the Day **6.30** Today incl **6.30, 7.00, 7.30, 8.00, 8.30** News; **6.45** Business News; **6.55, 7.55** Weather; **7.25, 8.25** Sports News; **7.45** Thought for the Day **8.43** Kitchen Philosophers: Simon Callow reads from *Down and Out in Paris and London* by George Orwell **8.58** Weather
9.00 News
9.05 The Moral Maze: Michael Buerk chairs a live investigation into questions of morality raised by one of the week's news stories
9.45 The Brigadier Down Under by Peter Tinniswood with Richard Wilson as the cricket-loving old buffer from Witney Scrotum (1 of 4)
10.00-10.30 No Commitments: (FM only) by Simon Brett. 4: Bed and Breakfast
10.00 News; An Act of Worship (LW only)
10.15 The Bible: (LW only) II Samuel (final part)
10.30 Woman's Hour: Features on oral cancer and the centenary of New Zealand women suffrage; an interview with Dr David Livingstone-Wilson; Marlene Spieler serves up a blue cheese salad dressing. Incl **11.00 News**
11.30 From Our Own Correspondent
12.00 News; You and Yours with Michael Collie
12.25pm Trivia Test Match Brian Johnston umpires another test of wit and general knowledge with Willie Rushton, Tim Rice, Bernard Cribbins and Bill Tidy **12.55** Weather
1.00 The World at One with Nick Clarke
1.40 The Archers (r) **1.55** Shipping
2.00 News; A Red Car in the Fountain by Phillip Corker. Inspector George Wright has a rational answer for everything except the red car in the public fountain. With David Ryall (r)
3.00 Against the Grain: Viewers invited to ring in on 071-580 4444
4.00 News
4.05 Kaleidoscope: Meets the author Garrison Keillor on tour in Britain; reviews *The Last Burden* by Upamanyu Chatterjee; and talks to the Scottish composer James Macmillan
4.45 Short Story: Not in So Many Words by Catherine Merriman. Read by Marie Phillips
5.00 PM 5.50 Shipping **5.55** Weather
6.00 Six O'Clock News
6.30 Lionel Nimrod's Inexplicable World: The Unexplained
7.00 News
7.05 The Archers
7.20 The Enemy Within. See Choice.
8.00 Ages Past: 'The Great Change of Marriage' (4/6)
8.45 Does He Take Sugar? for listeners with disabilities
9.15 Kaleidoscope (r)
9.45 The Financial World Tonight with Nigel Cassidy **9.59** Weather
10.00 The World Tonight presented by Alexander MacLeod
10.45 A Book at Bedtime: Fever Pitch by Nick Hornby (4/5)
11.00 Tales from the Arabian Nights: The Dream of Baba Abdullah with Derek Jacobi as the King and Carolyn Backhouse as Shahrazad
11.30 The Year in Question: Chaired by Brian Hayes with news teams from IRN and Radio 1's Newsbeat (r)
12.00 News incl **12.27** Weather **12.33** Shipping **12.44** (LW only) As World Service

CHOICE

The Enemy Within. *Radio 4, 7.20pm.*
Assuming, probably correctly, that other programmes have already done the heavy spade-work, Marek Kohn's survey of the social and literary impact of drugs in Britain does not dig very deeply. Instead, it presents a string of easily digestible facts. Incredibly, Mrs Beeton recommended 15 drops of laudanum for children with whooping cough, and opium was once readily available in corner shops. Kohn contributes some original thoughts on the way drugs have given racists a powerful weapon to use in their war of fear.

Student Choice '93. *Radio 5, 1.10pm.*
On A-level results day, when the spirits of thousands of students will either be soaring as high as a kite or slumping like lead balloons, Radio 5 launches what sounds suspiciously like the complete post-exam survival guide for those who failed to get the grades they needed. Every day until August 31, educationalists and careers advisers will offer advice on the availability of university and college courses. There's also a helpline, open from 10am to 6pm. Calls are free, on 0500 505050.
Peter Davalle

RADIO 1

FM Stereo and MW. **4.00** Bruno Brookes (FM only) **6.00** Simon Mayo **9.00** Simon Bates **11.00** 1 FM Summer Roadshow from Summerleaze Beach, Bude **12.30pm** Newsbeat **12.45** Jakki Brambles **3.00** Steve Wright in the Afternoon **6.00** News '93 **6.30** Mark Goodier's Evening Session **8.30** Antique Records Roadshow **9.00** The Guest List **10.00** Bosnia Special, with Simon Bates **10.30** Emma Freud **12.00-4.00am** Bob Harris (FM only)

RADIO 2

FM Stereo. **5.00am** Sarah Kennedy **6.15** Pause for Thought **7.05** Wake Up to Wogan **9.15** Pause for Thought **9.30** Ken Bruce **11.30** Jimmy Young **2.00pm** Gloria Hunniford **3.30** Ed Stewart **5.05** John Dunn **7.00** I'm Sorry I Haven't a Clue (r) **7.30** Hit It Boys! Nick Barraclough looks at the rise of New Country music **9.00** Paul Jones **10.00** British Country **10.30** The Jamesons **12.05am** Steve Madden **3.00-5.00** Alex Lester

RADIO 5

6.00 am World Service **6.30** Danny Baker's Morning Edition **9.00** Take Five **10.55** Test Match Special: England v Australia **1.00pm** News Update **1.10** Student Choice 93. See Choice. **2.00** Summer Sport **8.30** Vibe! **9.30** Empire Night (r) **10.10** Eastern Beat **12.00-12.10am** News; Sport

WORLD SERVICE

All times in BST. **4.30am** BBC English **4.45** News and Press Review in German **5.00** Morgenmagazin. Tips für Touristen **5.30** Off the Shelf: The End of the Affair **5.45** From Our Own Correspondent **6.00** News **6.30** Europe Today **7.00** News **7.10** News About Britain **7.15** The World Today **7.30** Sports International **8.00** Newsdesk **8.30** Network UK **9.00** World News **9.10** Words of Faith **9.15** Good Books **9.30** John Peel **10.00** News **10.05** Business Report **10.15** From Our Own Correspondent **10.30** The Farming World **10.45** Sports Roundup **11.00** News **11.01** Frankfurt an Der Oder **11.30** BBC English **11.45** Mittagsmagazin **11.59** Business Update **Noon** Newsdesk **12.30pm** Spanish Gold **1.00** World News **1.10** Words of Faith **1.15** Multitrack 2 **1.45** Sports Roundup **2.00** Newshour **3.00** News **3.05** Outlook **3.30** Off the Shelf: The End of the Affair **3.45** Recording of the Week **4.00** News **4.15** BBC English **4.30** Heute Aktuell **5.00** News **5.10** News About Britain **5.15** BBC English **6.00** News **6.05** Business Report **6.15** The World Today **6.30** Heute Aktuell **7.05** German Features **8.00** News **8.05** Outlook **8.30** Europe Today **9.00** News **9.10** Words of Faith **9.15** Sportsworld **9.30** Meridian **10.00** Newshour **11.00** News **11.10** News About Britain **11.15** Network UK **11.45** Sports Roundup **Midnight** News **12.05am** Business Report **12.15** Music Review **1.00** Newsdesk **1.30** Music Inside Out **2.00** News **2.05** Outlook **2.30** On the Move **2.45** Global Concerns **3.00** Newsdesk **3.30** Spanish Gold **4.00** News **4.10** News About Britain **4.15** Sport

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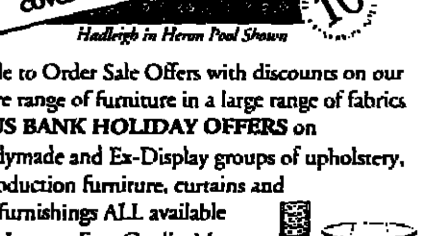
6.00am Nick Bailey **9.00** Henry Kelly **12.00** Susannah Simons **2.00pm** Lunchtime Concerto: Schumann (Cello Concerto in A minor: Natalia Gutman, cello with LPO under Kurt Masur) **3.00** Petroc Trelawny **6.00** Classic Reports with Margaret Howard **7.00** The Classic Travel Guide **8.00** Evening Concert: Live from the Classic FM Summer Music Festival **10.00** Michael Mappin **1.00-6.00am** Alan Mann

VIRGIN 1215

6.00am Russ and Jono's Rock 'n' Roll Breakfast **10.00** Richard Skinner **1.00pm** Kevin Greening **4.00** Tommy Vance **7.00** Mitch Johnson **10.00** Nick Abbot **2.00-6.00am** Paul Coyle

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Bicknell's withdrawal opens way for Fraser's return at the Oval

England must reward their loyal support

BY ALAN LEE, CRICKET CORRESPONDENT

FROM the debris of a summer that has demolished dreams, jobs and reputations, England's cricketers must salvage something at the Oval, where the final Ashes Test begins today, if they are not to lose their only consistent virtue — the loyal and long-suffering support of their public.

All tickets for this game were sold some months ago and receipts from the series will total around £8 million. This not only exceeds the budget framed by the Test and County Cricket Board but also demonstrates touching faith in a depressingly poor product. England, with four defeats this summer and nine in their last ten Tests, are an enigma in the world of entertainment, relentless flops for whom tickets cannot be printed fast enough.

Nobody should be kidded that the gravy train will run to such a schedule next year unless things begin to improve on the field. The punters will not be fooled again and the counties, who each stand to benefit by a small fortune from the packed houses this summer, could have their financial props whipped from under them.

The one benefit of this prospect is that it might concentrate a few complacent minds around the provinces. Within the past week, Keith Fletcher, Graham Gooch and Ted Dexter have all criticised the standard, and implicitly the outlook, that is deemed acceptable in county cricket. Yesterday came a voice speaking from strength rather than exasperation, that of the Australia captain, Allan Border.

Asked if he felt England would profit from a young cricketers' academy, such as in Australia, Border replied: "The best academy here is the county system but it is up to the clubs to make sure they are producing the best cricketers for England rather than just worrying about their own county structure." In other words, put national interest before self-interest, which some counties have conspicuously declined to do.

The private grouse of the England management all summer has been the handicaps erected for them by unhelpful pitches — only one of five so far has been of a type England would have pre-selected — and umpiring that has leaned so far from any thoughts of home bias that a great majority of arguable decisions have gone to Australia. As so often with an outclassed team, injuries have also gone against England.

Yesterday, Martin Bicknell's Test career, a long time in starting, was frustratingly interrupted after two encouraging games. His inflamed knee ruled him out and Angus Fraser, 32 months out of the side, makes a comeback that many feared would be beyond him. Fraser has only to perform adequately to claim a place on the Caribbean tour, something he can scarcely have been contemplating a fortnight ago. While not remotely begrudging him his chance, it is a stark commentary on the present dearth of quality English bowlers. If further evidence is required, look no further than the fact that England have bowled out Australia only three times in the series while the reverse has happened nine times.

The search for an effective attack goes on and today's combination, on a dry, hard but lightly-grassed pitch, will be Fraser, Devon Malcolm and Steve Watkin — all playing for the first time in the series — plus one of the two spin bowlers in the party. As Peter Such has taken twice as many wickets in the series as any other England bowler, it might seem illogical for him to be omitted, but he was badly mauled by the Australians at Chelmsford last Saturday and an opportunity may be given to the wayward but gifted Philip Tufnell to rediscover the match-winning form he showed on this ground against the 1991 West Indians.

With Tufnell turning the ball away from the right-handers, supplementary off spin could then be provided by Graeme Hick, although Mike Atherton, the captain, stresses that Hick was recalled to the side for his batting alone. "I have great faith in him," he said. "I don't believe all the nonsense talked about his technique against short-pitched bowling. He's got 70 first-class hundreds and he hasn't made all of them against spinners."

Hick will take Robin Smith's place at No 3, with Graham Thorpe promoted to No 4 and Alec Stewart reverting to No 6, where he began the series. It is a more sensible batting order but only time will tell if the productivity can improve. England have contributed only three of the 13 centuries scored in the series.

This is as much a tribute to Australia's awesome batting as a condemnation of England's shortcomings. Border agreed that he has never played in a better batting side. "The beauty of it is that the right man always bobs up on the right day," he said. "We are leaving out players [Hayden and Martyn] who would get an automatic place in most other Test teams."

Border's incentive today is to become the first Ashes captain to win 5-0 in England. Atherton's motivation is less specific but more pressing. He knows that a good performance, preferably a win, would reward public faith and relax the scrutiny of his own position.

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TODAY'S TEAMS

ENGLAND (from): M A Atherton (captain), G A Gooch, G A Hick, G P Thorpe, M P Maynard, A J Stewart, N Hussain, A R C Fraser, P C R Tufnell, S L Watkin, D E Malcolm, P M Such.
AUSTRALIA (from): A R Border (captain), M A Taylor, M J Slater, D C Boon, M E Waugh, S R Waugh, I A Healy, M G Hughes, P R Reiffel, S K Warne, T B A May, W J Holdsworth
Umpires: M J Kitchen and B J Meyer.
Replay umpire: A A Jones.
Match referee: C H Lloyd

ROBIN MAYES



Back in the swing: Fraser practises yesterday in preparation for the sixth Test

World record for Obree in semi-final

FROM PETER BRYAN IN HAMAR, NORWAY

GRAEME Obree, of Scotland, broke the world record for the 4,000 metres pursuit at the world cycling championships here last night as he won his semi-final against the Olympic gold-medal winner Chris Boardman.

Obree's time of 4min 22.668sec beat that set by Philippe Ermenault, of France, in the qualifying competition earlier in the day. Ermenault had clocked 4min 23.283sec.

Although British competitors had filled three of the semi-final places Ermenault was favourite for the final.

Victory over Boardman was sweet indeed for Obree, who briefly held the one-hour record before being deposed by Boardman. Shaun Wallace, runner-up in the 1992 professional pursuit, was the third semi-finalist as British cycling gain a considerable boost to its international reputation.

This had already received a major lift here last month when Obree broke the legendary world one-hour record on his homemade and equally revolutionary machine. But six days later Boardman took the distance up to 52.270 kilometres.

To place three men in the semi-final was the best British performance in the event since 1955 when Norman Sheil beat Peter Brotherton for the gold medal.

Obree looked like being the fastest qualifier until Ermenault, came along with his record ride. Boardman, who appeared ill at ease, was 1.436sec down while Wallace, riding a Lotus for the second successive year, produced a personal best of 4min 26.832sec.

He showed showed some reaction later in the day with a much slower time as he was outclassed in the other semi-final by the Frenchman.

Nothing can detract from Ermanault's record ride. His faultless display of smooth pedalling at sustained high speed marked him as the potential gold medal winner.

Before the qualifying competition, Obree was completely relaxed, although a little irritated by the persistent attention he had from the media before his ride. He appeared still not to have taken in its importance half an hour afterwards. For a new professional at his firstt world championship it was an ideal debut.

He went as far as to adopt his pedals to become an integral part of his racing shoes to avoid any possibility of his foot slipping with the force of starting from a standstill position.

"I really had no idea what time I could do when I arrived here," Obree said. "My best was 4min 36sec, so my manager worked out a schedule that would give me a time ten seconds faster and I was able to beat it."

He chose to use a gear of 110 inches which, while having the disadvantage of being hard to get going in the first 400 metres, becomes the reverse once maximum momentum is achieved.

Obree was the slowest of the top four over the first kilometre with a time of 1min 10.402sec (Ermanault 1min 08.362sec). But by two kilometres (2min 14.707sec) he was third and at the third kilometre (3min 18.649sec) he had gone into second place.



Ermenault: overtaken

Boardman, riding a conventional Corima frame, said he had not been comfortable during qualifying because he had had a new saddle fitted. "It was rather too high and when I started I couldn't find a decent place to sit," he said.

Boardman is almost certain to turn professional before the end of the month with a two-year contract.

RESULTS: First semi-final: 1, G Obree (GB), 4min 22.668sec (world record) bt C Boardman (GB), 4.25.052. Second semi-final: 1, P Ermenault (Fr), 4.24.462sec bt S Wallace (GB), 4.30.997

Sheffield Wednesday look to buy £2.75m Sinton



Sinton: heading north

BY KEITH PIKE

ANDY Sinton, the Queens Park Rangers and England midfield player, is likely to join Sheffield Wednesday today for a fee of £2.75 million.

If the deal goes through, and only personal terms have to be agreed, he should make his FA Carling Premiership debut on Saturday against Arsenal, the club whose manager, George Graham, abandoned moves to sign him when Sinton showed scant interest in moving across London to Highbury.

Sinton, 27, whose future has been the subject of speculation for several weeks, had talks with Trevor Francis, the Sheffield club's manager on Tuesday night. It was Francis who took Sinton to Rangers from Brentford for £350,000 in 1989 when he was manager at Loftus Road.

Sinton won the last of his ten England caps against Germany in the US Cup in Detroit in June. His performances in that tournament led Graham Taylor, the England manager, to describe him as "one of the few plusses" from an ill-fated trip.

Richard Thompson, the Rangers chairman, who announced Sinton's departure, also said that Les Ferdinand, Sinton's England colleague, would be remaining with the club.

"Ferdinand will definitely be staying at Loftus Road for this season and we hope this ends all speculation that has been focused around this player over the past few weeks," Thompson said. Rangers have already signed a replacement for Sinton in Trevor Sinclair, from Blackpool.

Wednesday have helped finance the purchase of Sinton by selling John Harkes to Derby County and Peter Shirtliff to Wolverhampton Wanderers. Shirtliff completed his £250,000 transfer yesterday. Andy Mutch, the Wolves striker, has agreed to join Swindon Town for a similar fee.

Steve Bull, of Wolves, the former England centre forward, is being reported to the Football Association after an incident involving Mel Pejic during a pre-season match against Wrexham. Pejic suffered a fractured cheekbone, chipped teeth and concussion, and has not played since the incident at the Racecourse Ground on August 3.

Brian Flynn, the Wrexham manager, said: "We are making a formal complaint to the FA under Rule 32, which is the complaints procedure. Hopefully, whatever action is taken will dissuade others from doing what happened."

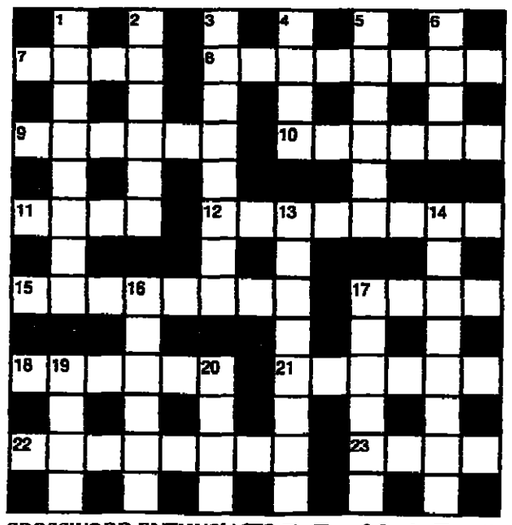
Pejic, 34, who is Wrexham's Professional Footballers' Association representative, said: "I've decided to make a complaint because this is not the sort of thing we want in football." It has not yet been received by the FA.

Wrexham have a video recording of the incident and have sent a copy to Graham Turner, the Wolves manager. Last night he was still unclear of the exact complaint being levelled against his player.

"All I can remember is that there was an incident involving the two players as a result of which the referee restarted the game by awarding a free kick to us," Turner said.

Dover have paid Farnborough Town £50,000 for David Leworthy to break the transfer record between non-league clubs. Leworthy, 30, was the leading scorer in the GM Vauxhall Conference last season with 32 goals. The previous highest transfer fee was the £40,000 Barnet paid Barrow for Kenny Lowe.

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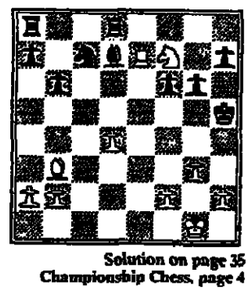
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WINNING MOVE

By Raymond Keene

This position is from the game Ivanov - Remlinger, USA 1992. White is whole rook down, a substantial deficit for an endgame position. He could capture the black rook with his knight, but would then still be a piece down. He found something much better. What did he play?



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WORD-WATCHING

By Philip Howard

STOGGIE
a. Rough
b. A cheroot
c. Rich Bajan fruit cake

YEGG
a. A disapproving roar
b. A burglar
c. To complain vociferously

KLIPSPRINGER
a. Narrow valley
b. A Welsh ball game
c. South African antelope

HEGUMEN
a. Leaders of the charge
b. Management
c. Chief of an abbey

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